

He Ties Our Tongues to Retune Our Hearts

Sermon Series: Luke: All Things New



Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Sermon Text

Luke 1:57-66

→ “And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God” (v. 64).



Big Idea

God silences us under the law that He might teach us to sing under His grace.

Until a man has been silenced before God, we can be sure that He is not yet ready to speak with or for God.

(1) The Right Time (vv. 57-58)

Every trial you face has its moment and its goal. When we are in it, it hurts, but it hurts like the plow hurts the earth as it makes room for the seed that, in time, will become a bountiful harvest.

(2) The Eighth Day (v. 59a)

Christ will fulfill in Himself all that circumcision stood for as the **sign, symbol, spirit, and shadow** of the Abrahamic covenant. In His crucifixion, He is being cut off as it were, discarded as dead, sinful flesh. And in His resurrection He forges the principle of new life and fruitfulness, overcoming the dead and barren nature of humanity in Adam. And we are given both sides of this in Him by His Spirit. We have received the “circumcision of Christ” (Col 2:11)!

(3) The Perfect Name (vv. 59b-63)

So many are trying to get born again without this exit and entrance of grace offered in the crucified and resurrected Messiah. We try a new career, a new haircut, a new diet, a new location, but the same principle of pride is still at root. I’m still talking. It’s still me. When I let go of that and go silent, when I let my tongue be tied in knots by the law of God, then I am ready to be born again, not from below, but from above! Then I am ready to enter that family of God and receive the name He would give me! YHWH is gracious!

(4) The New Song (vv. 64-66)

This is where God wants to take you! He doesn’t strike us silent because He’s an abusive parent who’s just tired of hearing his kid talk. He ties our tongues so he can retune our hearts and teach us to sing!



Critical Action

Let’s stop talking so much and start listening more to God and to one another. Let’s go silent to ourselves that we might truly learn how to sing to Him!

Reflection Questions

- Do you talk too much? Are you quick to listen or quick to speak? At home, at church, at work, with God? Why do you think this is? How does this affect you and those around you?
- Why was God’s silencing Zechariah a gift of His grace? If God were to silence you in this way, how would you feel? What would you learn?
- What is the circumcision of the heart? Why do you need it? How do you get it?
- Have you experienced the exit and entrance of receiving God’s grace? What did you have to break from to move into His story? Where did you have to die to be born again in Him?

