

When God Disappoints Us
Is God Silent?

Job 34:29 “But if he remains silent, who can condemn him? If he hides his face, who can see him? Yet he is over man and nation alike”

Introduction:

I. When for the Christian our relationship with God seems broken — when God is Silent — it is intolerable

A. A Synopsis of Elihu’s speech

1. Though younger than those present, he speaks up because the three friends never answered Job’s dilemma that he was **Suffering** without cause
2. Job for **Complaining** that God wouldn’t answer him
3. God’s justice did not **seem fair**

B. God’s justice is guaranteed by

1. God’s **Sovereignty** 34:10–20
2. God’s **Omniscience** 34:21–22
3. God’s **Omnipotence** 34:23–30

C. It is God’s **Right** and prerogative as to whether He chooses to **hide** or to **reveal** His face; to be **silent** or to **answer**

D. What To Do When God Is Silent

1. **Don’t ignore the silence...**
2. **Confront known sin in your life**
3. **Go back to what you know**
4. **Make a decision...Choose sides**

5. **Trust More...Not less**

6. **Listen and Watch Closely**

7. **Get ready to receive**