

# “Built in Silence”

September 25, 2022  
Rev. Derek Elphick

“Be still, and know that I am God...” (Psalm 46:10)

“The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.” (Habakkuk 2:20)

“The work of the hands” signify all the things a person thinks, wills, and does from self (proprium)... This is why the altar, and also the temple, were built, by command, of whole stones, and not hewn by any worker or artisan because nothing of self-intelligence must approach the truths of doctrine and thus worship.” (Apocalypse Explained no. 585:11)

“The work of the hands” signify that which is a product of the human proprium or self, thus that which is a product of a person’s own understanding and a product of his or her own will. Because all falsities are the product of the human self, and the ‘work of the hands’ means that which originates there, it was forbidden to move an iron tool, axe, or chisel over stones from which an altar and also the temple were built.”

(Secrets of Heaven no. 10406:11)

“Then the Lord said to Elijah, ‘Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rock in pieces, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a still small voice.”

(I Kings 19:11-12)

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**Discussion**  
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Please join us on Zoom at 11:00 am Sunday for a discussion.

(This Sunday, only, please move chairs to face the stage for the society meeting on Wednesday. Help putting away the altar, taking down the quilt and rolling up the rug is always appreciated.)

**Musicians:** Graham Bier, Julie Conaron, Shawn Rose, Sasha Silverman, Scott Russell

**Altar:** Derek & Freya Buss

**Livestreaming:**

**Sound:** Nathan Odhner

“And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.” (I Kings 6:7)

“When evil spirits have been dispersed... a kind of calm or silence follows the state of disturbance. A similar situation exists when undergoing temptations or trials. While undergoing a trial or temptation we are amid the throng of such spirits; but when they have been driven away or dispersed, a kind of calm descends which is the start to an arranging of all things into order. Before anything is restored to order it is very common for everything to be reduced first of all to a state of confusion resembling chaos so that things that are not compatible may be separated from one another. And once these have been separated, the Lord arranges them into order.”

(Secrets of Heaven no. 842)