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The Altar: Silence and Petition

Revelation 8:1-5 - *When the Lamb broke the seventh seal on the scroll, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour.* [2] *I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets.* [3] *Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne.* [4] *The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out.* [5] *Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake.*

Habakkuk 2:20 - *But the LORD is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him.*

Zechariah 2:13 - *Be silent before the LORD, all humanity, for he is springing into action from his holy dwelling.*

Psalm 37:7 - *Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.*

The Trumpets Are Announcing The Arrival Of The Day Of God's Wrath

1. **They Called The People Together**.
2. **They Announced War**.
3. **They Declared Special Times**.

We Must Learn To Seek God In Times Of Silence

Isaiah 30:15 - *This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength. But you would have none of it.*

Silence Conveys Trust And Confidence In God

Exodus 30:7-9 - *Every morning when Aaron maintains the lamps, he must burn fragrant incense on the altar.* [8] *And each evening when he lights the lamps, he must again burn incense in the LORD's presence. This must be done from generation to generation.*

God Brings Judgment In Response To His People's Prayers

Judgment, Vindication, And Revenge Are In God's Hands, Not Ours

1 Peter 3:9 - *Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing*

Silence, Justice, Vindication And Deliverance Are All Found At The Altar Of God