

Habakkuk #5

“Do not make Light of the Lord’s Discipline”

Habakkuk 1:1-11; Leviticus 26:14-39

Whom the Lord loves, He chastens, whether it’s an individual, a city, a community or a nation.

Because God loves the whole world, there’s always been a lot of chastening going on and the history of the Jews as a nation is in part, a story

of the cycles of divine discipline and recovery they experienced throughout all their generations.

There are many lessons we can learn from Israel regarding the way the Lord handles individuals and nations in grace when either is disobedient.

Jesus Christ became a man through an actual physical virgin-birth, making Him in His humanity, positionally lower than the angels.

But through His perfect sinless life, death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ is now positionally higher as a human being than the angels as He sits at the right hand of the Father in Heaven.

And in Christ, as believers, we are positionally at the right hand of God the Father with our Savior, so therefore positionally we are higher than angels and as a result, we have servant or guardian angels; Hebrews 1:14.

Mankind is under angelic observation and angels learn the judgement of God by watching men; Luke 15:7,10.

God’s Word teaches that the soul is designed to run on a system of discipline and lack of respect for authority not only destroys the soul’s capacity for life but also its capacity for any lasting happiness.