

Habakkuk # 8

“The Righteous Live by Faith and the Prideful Live by Faking It”

Habakkuk 2:2-4

God hears and answers prayers and He sometimes gives us unexpected answers because when we pray, we usually have the way we want God to answer in mind and when He answers differently, we begin to think He’s not interested or He won’t answer at all.

God sometimes seems to be uninterested but He is involved in every aspect of our lives and after He described the evil Babylonians to a tee, He showed that although they will conquer Judah, they’re under His control and He is simply using them to achieve His purpose in training His people for future success.

As an adolescent believer, Habakkuk is more concerned with the temporal condition of his nation than the spiritual as he’s overwhelmed with Judah’s behavior, so he seeks God’s retribution toward her to get the population right with each other by obeying the law but he’s neglecting the most important issue of unbelief prompting spiritual sickness leading to spiritual bankruptcy.

As ambassadors for Jesus Christ, our greatest concern for the US must be its evangelization and not our feeble attempts at activism to clean up the devil’s world which is a band-aid approach for a wound that requires a tourniquet.

In any case, we must learn what Habakkuk had to learn and that is that God’s perfect plan will not simply stop evil in its tracks in our experience every time but His plan will ultimately, in His timing, wipe evil out for ever and ever!

Habakkuk will learn a valuable lesson that peace and contentment rest upon our understanding that someday, God will utterly destroy all semblance of evil and we who know the Lord Jesus Christ will join Him in His kingdom; a kingdom of peace, joy and perpetual worship of those responsible for providing such conditions.

The difference between an adolescent believer and a spiritually mature adult believer is the spiritually mature believer’s hope is beyond his own circumstances.

And by the end of the book, Habakkuk grows up spiritually before our eyes in three short chapters and he doesn’t use any of his rationalized answers for God; instead he listens, learns, understands, believes and worships!

Just like prior to Habakkuk’s first complaint of the Lord’s apparent insensitivity, God is silent before answering Habakkuk’s second complaint of over-reactionary discipline.

Waiting on the Lord’s answer to prayer is a test as to whether or not we can apply what we already know about Him because it’s too late to cram for the test during the test.

There’s only one Person who is totally faithful to us and related to us and that person is God, Who can only be faithful to us because of His perfect character.

Faithfulness hinges on the essence of God, Who is perfect, fair and stable to Himself and He will also be all these things to us as well.

God can be faithful to us who are unworthy because He's completely satisfied with the work of His worthy Son on our behalf.

The fact that we're alive, along with everything we have is a matter of God's faithfulness to us; He remains faithful to us because He loves us every moment.

Trusting God leads to resting in God which leads to faith in God and faith in God leads to further rest in Him.

We are not comforted by our trust in God's ability to deliver us from adversity, we're only really comforted by our trust in God!

We should never worry about the basic necessities to sustain our life because God will provide everything we'll ever need, so that we can worship God for Who He is, not only for what He does.

Our Father will never place us in a situation in which biblical information provided to us previously is not available for application so pay attention and live victoriously.

Faith endures God's silence with patience.

Rejoice when you suffer for the sake of Christ because God has considered you worthy and able to bear it even if you don't think so!