

Habakkuk # 14

“God Can’t Help Those Who Help Themselves” Part 2

Habakkuk 2:4; Isa40:29-31

When God gives power, the only power He can give is divine omnipotent power, His own power; not human power and certainly not human ability!

He did it in the past in Isaiah’s day; He has done it before Isaiah’s day, since Isaiah’s day and as a matter of fact, He does it today.

Stand aside and take it all in; watch the Lord solve it; a principle we must get and the sooner the better.

If you’re a believer in Jesus Christ and have trusted in Him as your Lord and Savior, this life is not your fight any more; this is the Lord’s battle.

God can’t help us until we recognize that we are helpless and we also realize that we cannot do it ourselves.

We live in a do-it-yourself world but one thing we cannot do ourselves; we cannot save ourselves.

If you’ve come to the end of yourself and you’re faced with a hopeless and helpless situation, then you’re in the best position possible, one beyond expression by recognizing that only God can help you.

If you begin to realize this through the pressures of your experience or by a much easier method, by believing the Word of God, you’re in a position to have the very power of God working in your life because He gives power to the helpless.

Even the wicked acts of the ungodly ultimately serve God’s purpose but that never means God is directly responsible for evil Himself as He explains; they will be judged for their own wickedness in His time-frame.

In the meantime, the people of God (the experientially righteous) should patiently wait for Him by trusting in their God, worshiping Him in the process.

Habakkuk is a short book filled with biblical truth which reminds us that even when wickedness flourishes, it’s not outside God’s control and everything that’s happening is within His allowed purpose.

God will judge the Babylonians for their indiscriminate destruction of His creation and their idolatry.

God referred to the Babylonians as “puffed up” or arrogantly self-centered but He says that the righteous will live by their faith.

And yes, bad things are happening in Habakkuk’s day, before Habakkuk’s day, after Habakkuk’s day, in our day and beyond but we know that ultimate justice is coming and our all-knowing, all-powerful God is using all things together for His good purpose.

God used the greatest evil expression in human history; the unlawful murder of His perfect Son for our salvation; so yes, His ways are mysterious.

And for those of us who’ve expressed faith alone in Christ alone through grace alone and have His credited righteousness; we know that God works all things together for our good and His glory.

Because Habakkuk has come to find God so trustworthy that when God says His ultimate purpose is worth

suffering an invasion and destruction of his nation, he can remain content and more importantly, he can wait and through his trust, he will find inner unshakable happiness!

In prosperity, we're more vulnerable to rebellion than under adversity, suffering and pressure; for in prosperity there's a tendency to neglect the Word and seek happiness from another source.

Through pride of their success, the Jews started down the road toward rebellion; boasting of their achievements and wealth but without capacity from spiritual maturity, these accomplishments are meaningless.

Although God has a greater-grace prosperity package for every believer, the capacity for such blessings must come from biblical truth in the soul and God's people cannot pass the prosperity test apart from biblical truth.

What made David great and gave him such tremendous power to accomplish so many great things, was what was going on in his soul.

Young David had biblical truth in his soul and as a result, he had the right mental attitude of the divine viewpoint of life, so he was occupied with the Person of Jesus Christ, his Messiah.

When David heard that Samuel was in town, he didn't run to see a celebrity first hand; he stayed with the sheep because he had a mental attitude of faithfulness.

Human viewpoint said pick a tall, good-looking physically strong boy and any one of them would have a striking appearance as king!

But divine viewpoint said there's a boy out with the sheep who's faithful and has biblical truth in his soul; so he's confident in God and courageous toward men and circumstances.

What makes people keep on keeping on, even when they're tired, worn out, discouraged, hurting or sick? Divine viewpoint in the soul!

If we have processed biblical truth in the soul, we'll be as consistent as David in every situation, when he faithfully kept on trusting God.

David learned the principle that the battle is the Lord's while still with the sheep and since David believed it, he knew the Lord could handle the lion, just as well as he knew he could not do it by himself.

God prepares his winner in secret for victory in public.

Jesse would've taken notice earlier if he knew his young son who tends the sheep had already killed a lion and a bear and that he had in his soul, that which would make him the greatest human ruler of all time!

In the story of David and Goliath, the emphasis is always on what David did; how he hit the giant with a stone, knocked him out and beheaded him.

But where does God's Word focus our attention? *It emphasizes what David was thinking as he stood there, not on what he accomplished a few minutes later.*

1st Samuel 17:47 *All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give all of you into our hands.*

