

Habakkuk # 17

“Disaster Preparation”

Job 5:24-27; John 11

When we begin to die, there’s one thing that’s important, biblical truth; so we should already have accumulated it and now is the time to use that accumulation, whether it takes five minutes or five years to die.

Even though the body may be riddled with pain, the dying spiritually-mature believer will have peace and inner happiness as a part of God’s provision of dying grace.

Of course, we’ll miss our loved ones when they die and that’s normal but we must not allow the death of anyone to destroy our pattern of life!

This is where biblical truth comes in and this is where a strong soul structure is a stabilizer.
The death of a loved one must not hinder God’s purpose for your life.

God has a purpose for every believer; so the living must go on living.

As long as God wants us on this earth, no one nor anything can remove us and when it’s His time for us to go, no one can keep us here!

So, when the corn is ripe, it’s picked and when God’s perfect time comes, He removes us from the scene of this life.

God has a purpose for us, whether in living or dying, so relax!

So, when the right time comes, God’s going to take us home and He is the Timing, Place and Manner of death Judge.

At whatever age the Lord takes us home, as a believers with biblical truth in our souls, we will have had full wonderful lives, whether we live to be 21 or 101!

Our sorrow leading to bitterness may question God’s wisdom in taking a great person home at an early age but He always knows best.

To go beyond academically understood knowledge, biblical truth must be first inhaled or believed and then transferred by faith to the human spirit where it becomes full usable knowledge or wisdom stored for cycling into our frame of reference.

Here it forms a new vocabulary which changes our standards to divine viewpoint standards.

Processed biblical truth is then exhaled out of the soul toward God in respect and appreciation, a.k.a. personal love for Him and impersonal love toward people.

It takes spiritual maturity to serve the local church and neither fall into the self-pity trap nor resent others who do not help.

Martha is worried and rattled because of the pressure she’s allowed to build up within herself; she’s torn herself up so Jesus disciplined her for her mental attitude sin which

brings only self-induced misery.

The Word of God will never be taken away from anyone who seeks it.

The important principle which comes out of this insightful glimpse of Martha and Mary is that service is no substitute for knowledge of biblical truth.

What did Jesus mean in John 11:4? Death was not the final issue of this crisis, even though Lazarus would die.

The death was just temporary in order to glorify God and bring about the seventh sign of Jesus Christ's authority.

Both sisters want their brother's death to be avoided but Jesus was going to wait until his death had occurred and then He would come and miraculously deliver Lazarus in such a way as to present His own calling card indicating "I am He!"

We should never interpret God's love on the basis of whether He gives us what we want WHEN we want it.

Faith-rest has no time limit!

The disciples in the boat were completely helpless and the humanity of Jesus Christ was asleep, so the disciples had to learn that God never sleeps and they were safe in the storm!

Any time a believer goes into a dangerous situation and he knows it's perilous, it's a great test of faith-rest and of the reality of biblical truth in his life!

The capacity to go through life without wavering comes from biblical truth and if you've come to the point where you can go one full day without caving, congratulations but there's always tomorrow, so be ready.

We'll never solve the pressures in life as long as we're looking for an out.

Meeting the pressures in life depends on our using biblical truth and seeking an out is simply trying to work out our own problems, usually by changing our circumstances.