

Habakkuk # 18 “Facing the Crisis” *John 11*

THERE ARE 3 BASIC SYSTEMS OF HUMAN LEARNING:

1. Rationalism is learning through our minds by reasoning;
2. *Empiricism is establishing reality based on what is seen, heard, touched, tasted or smelled; through our senses.*
3. Faith is established reality based on confidence in the authority or integrity of another. Throughout our lives, we rely on all three systems of learning but the system we rely the most will affect our concept of reality.

If you know you’re a person, a human being who belongs to the human race, you can say with confidence “God has a personal plan for me and that’s why I’m here on this earth.”

The point is: If there is a God and if He has revealed Himself and if He makes sense and if He has a perfect plan for every human being, including me, then I owe Him the courtesy of listening to what He has to say.

All we need to do is listen to what God says through His Word because we have nothing in this world to give to God except a listening ear with a chance for Him to make His case to us.

Worry and anxiety are one-way tickets to self-inflicted misery and every time we worry, we not only sin but our testimony becomes clouded as we add smoke to the darkness instead of shining a light for those in the darkness to see their way out of it.

We have over 7,000 promises with many parts found throughout the Word of God and any one of them can be a sure cure for worry, if we will claim them.

So, what will you do, worry or believe the Word?

You cannot worry and believe the promises of God at the same time; the two cannot coexist.

We’re talking about the promises of God and behind every promise of God is the Person of God.

This Person is the Sovereign, Absolute Righteous, Just, Loving, Eternal, Omniscient. Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Immutable and True God!

When God says He’ll do something, He keeps His word!

God does not change because He cannot change and He loves us with an infinite amount of love and these 10 characteristics make up the essence of God and behind every promise in the Word of God, stands the essence of God Himself.

Any time a believer goes into a dangerous situation and he knows it, it’s a great test of faith-rest to apply 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 falling apart, great but there’s always tomorrow, so be ready.

Jesus was concentrating on His mission, while the disciples were concentrating on the

danger!

We can't succeed in life by concentrating on its dangers.

Each of us has a mission in life and biblical truth causes us to concentrate on the mission rather than on our problems.

Concentrating on biblical principles is advanced faith-rest, while concentrating on one promise is elementary faith-rest and concentrating on pressure or danger is failure to use biblical truth by faith leading to no rest.

Jesus gave the disciples a simple analogy to illustrate a profound truth: Just as you walk without stumbling when it's light out, functioning daily in biblical truth will keep you from stumbling spiritually in the dark.

Concentrate on biblical truth, not on your problems and they won't get you down.

And if you do stumble and feel sorry for yourself or get upset and think it's all over or hopeless, pick yourself up with God's recovery.

The great tragedy is not the death of Lazarus but the fact that unbelievers were sincerely trying to help believers to be consoled when the believers should have been comforting and blessing the unbelievers with the Gospel!

Many unbel's have gone to a funeral home and come away encouraged and blessed and even saved because they witnessed the effect of the Gospel under conditions of extreme pressure.

There's always something wrong with a believer's spiritual life when he cannot derive his comfort and strength from biblical truth in time of great disaster.