

Habakkuk # 20

“If You Believe, You Will See the Glory of God”

Habakkuk 2:4; John 11

Pride is the original sin of Satan but it's a part of a counterpart.

Pride is inordinate self-respect, overly-high esteem for self or just making an issue out of self.

And vanity is empty pride in respect to self; it's pride without even having an excuse for being proud.

When introspective passive pride becomes active, it's called contempt as it actively patronizes those considered inferior.

All arrogant people are totally different under pressure but the crisis doesn't change them, it actually reveals who they really are.

Believers rejecting biblical truth are also in a state of arrogance because it's arrogant to think we can get along without something that God has provided; our daily spiritual food.

God has a plan for our lives and God is perfect, so, His plan is perfect.

Contradictions cannot exist in the perfect plan of God, so anything that contradicts His plan hinders us from using His grace to glorify Him in execution of His plan.

Arrogance is a major contradiction to the plan of God and the primary reason for our failure to execute God's will.

Every blessing the royal family of God receives, now and forever, depends on the faithful character of God, who is always prepared; never caught off guard and His nature is to be faithful to us so, when we believe that, it changes us to the point that we can live beyond our circumstances.

The righteous person in Habakkuk 2:4 is first of all, a believer who's received the righteousness of Christ at salvation guaranteeing personal relationship with TLJC and then this righteous person in context, walks in God's truth experientially which creates in him the confidence in God and courage toward circumstances that's stable and peaceful beyond imagination.

To live by our faithfulness or by faith is to walk with Jesus Christ in experiential abiding fellowship, simply trusting His Word as accurate and effective for all situations.

From Jesus' response, we see the claim by some believers today that sickness is never the will of God for a believer; that it's wrong to be sick and if you are, it's because of lack of faith or some sin or judgment from God is erroneous.

There are times when God does things we don't understand and it's easy to get discouraged at these times.

But God always acts in perfect control of the situation; He isn't plagued by illusions and confusions like we are, so He doesn't consider hopeless means like we do; He therefore, responds with reality.

Even greater than that which Jesus Christ did in this passage to resuscitate Lazarus is that which He can do for us now!

He doesn't bring our loved ones back from the grave but He has given us something better; His mind to

handle any crisis!

And no matter what the problem or how great the disaster, this is the only answer.

A disaster or crisis is a time to trust God and His loving understanding of the big picture.

That's the hard part: remembering God is sovereign and omnipotent, so He sees what we don't: possibilities and opportunities in every situation we couldn't imagine.

So, we must trust Him and wait, knowing He's working it out His way in His timing.

The mindset of Jesus Christ is one of extreme humility manifest in an overwhelming desire to accomplish the Father's will.

Paul says we have the responsibility in this warped and crooked generation to act as children of God with the mind of Christ becoming salt and light in this dark, unsavory world.

That's one important reason why we're here and God certainly understands that it's a warped and crooked generation around us.

A person influenced by evil is warped; a generation influenced by evil is crooked, dishonest, even perverted or depraved.

To give light, you must have light and the light is biblical truth which is reflected or given off by the mature believer, therefore, he has powerful impact in the devil's world.