

Habakkuk # 21

“Habakkuk, So Far”

*Various Scriptures*

**Only the person who displays character will continue to trust in the authority that he knows is God-ordained.**

Habakkuk's facing a situation that he doesn't like in which his nation is collapsing around him so he does what any solid believer does being a prophet of God; he takes it to the Lord, his God.

**When we are confused to the point that we're unsure of our next move, we must cling to what we know about God from what we've learned of Him in His Word.**

Habakkuk's been knocked for a loop with Judah's behavior and God's revelation of His plan, so he needs to make sure he lands feet first standing upright and that means holding fast and firm to what he knows about Almighty God.

*Habakkuk's God is eternal and all-knowing so not only is He never surprised by historical events but He's also sovereign and omnipotent and He'll always do what is right and just for His own.*

**Decisions create environment; environment doesn't create decisions.**

There are no tragedies in history, just historical disasters which are not tragedies since individuals, nations and empires are the products of their own free-will self-determination.

*The pattern of historical disaster begins with economic recession and depression, then it moves to moral and immoral degeneracy and then it ends in military overthrow.*

It's fascinating how evil is always attracted to evil in an attempt to destroy its evil!

**Evil and its destructive power exists to the extent that world system arrogance exceeds the restraints of legitimate power and authority.**

This principle is true in sports when the referee loses control of the game; in a nation where bad decisions from weak character on the part of the government fail to protect the freedom, privacy, property and life of its citizens; in a local church where the congregation is to be protected by the teaching of biblical truth with privacy enforced and it's not or in a home where parents have no control over their children.

**Revolution and terrorism are the disasters that result from change without truth.**

Change is often related to progress but it's never progress unless it's related to truth or a system designed by God.

*We must learn basic truth before we make changes in our lives.*

Change without truth is application of principles without understanding truth; that means disaster.

Worthwhile change is application of biblical truth to experience and unprofitable change is

false application of world system strategies to life, resulting in weakness. Our strength lies in the faithful use of our free-will, not in our human ability.

With our free-will, we can make right decisions relating to God's power and truth but we can also make wrong decisions based on emotional subjective arrogance and fall prey to the satanic propaganda of his world system.

*Choosing to believe Satan's lies whether in religion, philosophy, psychology, sociology, political science or any other academic subject related to human viewpoint results in choosing the thinking and environment of the world system.*