

Habakkuk # 24

“Woe to Him”

Habakkuk 2:8-20

It is the opposite of weakness; it's a tremendous source of power to recognize our dependency on Almighty God the Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer of all mankind.

God's thoughts and His ways are quite different from man's thoughts and his ways.

Man sees righteousness as comparative or relative but God sees righteousness as absolute.

Comparative thinking in terms of righteousness is dangerous because it's religious, legalistic and satanic, in that it is self-promoting.

Divine discipline is not simply punitive action which focuses on wrongdoing; it's corrective in a teaching sense to focus on profitable recovery.

Our nation is under divine discipline due to our neglect and rejection of God and His Word.

During all this condemnation, the Lord's glory will shine through and this is yet future in the Millennium, the Kingdom Age of Israel.

As bad as things were for Judah and Israel before her, God says 'Take heart and know that there's a day coming in which I will judge the nations and reward the faithful; so don't ever lose heart and give up!'

And by application, it's reasonable to believe that although we too can say with Habakkuk that there's unfairness and injustice in our land; restitution and reconciliation are coming in God's time!

This is a wonderful insight into the heart and soul of a growing believer!

Habakkuk's learned that God's complaint about Judah is greater in scope than his complaints about Judah and the Babylonians.

There is NO legitimate opposing response to God when He speaks His mind.

Borrowed strength is leaning on others instead of God for help, encouragement, counseling or inspiration.

The point is obvious; we can use our free-will to gain strength in the plan of God or we can use our free-will to borrow strength in the world system.

If we use our free-will to gain strength, we'll advance to spiritual maturity but if we use our free-will to borrow strength, we'll be weak all our lives.

So, it's not a matter of live and learn; it's a matter of learn and live!