

Habakkuk # 26

“A Changed Man Reflects”

Habakkuk 3:1-7

A change in environment is only a temporary emotional fix and when the dust settles, it's still you with your personality and your personal problems.

And when we truly rest in God like Habakkuk

is now, we can relax and trust Him to deal with our circumstances the way He sees fit.

Habakkuk had gotten the worst news he could get regarding his future but in the end, it didn't turn his focus from God because he humbly became committed to worship God no matter what happened to him.

Knowing that God is not mocked and He will indeed discipline our nation, we can choose to react in self-centered bitterness or respond with humble adoration and acceptance of God's will.

It's both remarkable and encouraging that in the face of this unavoidable disaster, Habakkuk is transformed from a dissident with wavering views and ignorant questions to a changed man who had an unwavering commitment to Almighty God.

Stages of the Adult Spiritual Life:

1st category: Spiritual Self-Esteem, Spiritual Independence, Spiritual Maturity

2nd category: Processed biblical truth circulating in the stream of consciousness under the filling of the Holy Spirit with 3 stages: Biblical self-confidence, Biblical independence and Biblical invincibility

3rd category: Virtue-love, the inventory of God's treasure house in solutions: Personal love for God, impersonal love for all mankind and occupation with Jesus Christ.

4th category: Momentum testing—suffering for blessing: people, thought, system, adversity, prosperity and dying tests.

5th category: Promotion by God to Greater-grace status meaning maximum glorification of God.

No nation ever learns from the mistakes of other nations when involved in worldly arrogance.

When a nation is involved in world system arrogance, its people are blind to the fact that they are making exactly the same mistakes that destroyed other great nations before them.

For a nation to have successful foreign or domestic policy, there must be a large enough percentage of mature believers in that nation and only out of that comes traditional values for unbelievers as well.

Genuine prosperity is always based on truth and if truth is going to be used in our nation's foreign policy, we must have a large enough percentage of mature believers thinking truth to agree with that policy.

When a nation such as ours is not functioning on the basis of integrity, this means fantastic disaster awaits if there's no repentance.

Invisible God can only be truly loved with a capacity for love which is in the soul and that capacity comes when we've passed through the door of hope and entered into the unique advanced spiritual life.

Our love for God is the highest human love that can exist and our spiritual virtue is the way we express it.

Our spiritual life on the other side of the door of hope also includes impersonal love for all people, sharing the happiness of God and our occupation with Jesus Christ.

It gives God great pleasure when He sees us glorifying Him in our worst circumstances by choosing to worship Him no matter what the situation.

So, whether we are injured, sick, in intense pain or financially broke, we can choose to worship God anyway and He's glorified by that.

Right here and right now, we can show this world that our God is greater than our pain or our country's injustice and unfairness.

The good news is God came down from Heaven and became the God-man to die for our sins on the cross, reconciling us to Himself.

And that is the primary indication that even though we are sinners in the devil's world, a place of many troubles; we can know that one day we'll escape our sin natures and this world system to be with Jesus Christ in glory forever.

We can know He'll do this for us today, so commit your life to Him and relax because He'll be with us to strengthen and help us so we don't go through anything alone.

Christianity isn't unlimited prosperity and always being healed; it's all about trusting God to be Who He said He is and do what He says He'll do.