

Habakkuk # 32 “What Habakkuk Learned from God”

*Habakkuk 3:18-19*

**There never was a time when God did not have perfect love because God is perfect love; it's just who He is.**

God has always been love and since God is love, always has been love and always will be love, He cannot fall in love.

*God is holy; therefore the love of God possesses perfect integrity which includes incorruptible justice and unchangeable righteousness.*

Because God is holy and unchangeable, His love cannot be compromised by sins, human good, evil, Christian failure, dead works or any other function of the sin nature.

**God knew billions of years ago about our sins and failures but His knowledge of these did not cancel His love for us.**

Nor does God's love for us increase because we advance to spiritual maturity.

*God doesn't consider the truth as something to be acquired because just as God is love; God is truth from eternity past.*

God's love is never involved in any form of hatred, so it never reacts.

**God's love always remains the same whether it has an object or not.**

It's very difficult for man to even begin to understand the love of God because when man changes, it often appears as though God is changing but He's not.

*In reality, God remains consistent with His own perfect unchangeable character, so rejection of God's eternal love never results in any form of sinful or evil reaction by God.*

**God's infinite integrity and His eternal virtue make up His own unchanging Self and these characteristics produce a constant capacity for love, so God consistently gives of Himself whether there is an occasion or not.**

Divine love is the same yesterday, today and forever; so even when the justice of God is performing the most powerful punitive action against any human being, it's always accomplished in love; God only disciplines us because of His love for us.

**Because God is virtuous, His love is totally devoid of sin, human good, hypocrisy, flattery or any patronizing influence of mankind.**

Obviously, God's love is permanent, stable and virtuous, so it becomes a problem-solver for us.

*Our personal love for God solves our problem of lack of proper motivation in life and our impersonal love for all mankind solves the problem of: After salvation of what shall we do? We are to express the love of God we received from Him to others in a funnel-like action.*

**It is extremely profitable to love God; there is no greater profit in life.**

The man brings an aggressive love or an enduring devotion to the marriage.

*The woman brings a responding love called respect to the marriage.*

Love never functions apart from grace and all true love is grace and God provides true love to us through His grace because we deserve nothing.

We have a spiritual life that is far greater than morality which leads to arrogance and legalism when adopted by believers as the Christian way of life.

**We cannot lose our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ but we can be corrupted in our thinking.**

Having experiential intimacy with God means we have to think like Jesus Christ thought, so what is most important in our testing and temptations is our love for God expressed in our occupation with His Son, above all else.

*Our spiritual life goes far deeper than casual knowledge and relationship for the love for God demands two categories of true love for God; aggressive enduring devotion and passive responding respect.*

**Habakkuk's learned many of these great truths and he now understands what he at first didn't know and that is that his God is a God of love and because He's a God of love, He will discipline His people and Habakkuk also now knows that God is a God of justice and because He is, He will judge those who oppose Him.**

Habakkuk now knows that if God judged and defeated the most-evil one, Satan; He'll certainly judge the evil Babylonians.