



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"Wait"

Habakkuk 2:1-4

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Hab 1:12-17

12 Are You not from everlasting, O Lord, my God, my Holy One?
We will not die. You, O Lord, have appointed them to judge; And You, O Rock, have established them to correct.

13 Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You can not look on wickedness with favor. Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?

14 Why have You made men like the fish of the sea, Like creeping things without a ruler over them?

15 The Chaldeans bring all of them up with a hook, Drag them away with their net, And gather them together in their fishing net. Therefore, they rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they offer a sacrifice to their net And burn incense to their fishing net; Because through these things their catch is large, And their food is plentiful.

17 Will they therefore empty their net And continually slay nations without sparing?

Hab 2:1-4

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And inscribe it on tablets,
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- Habakkuk now has his feet on solid ground.
- This has given him confidence to simply "wait."

Ps 25:3

3 Indeed, none of those who **wait** for You will be ashamed;

Ps 25:5

5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
For You I **wait** all the day.

Ps 25:21

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I **wait** for You.

Ps 27:14

14 **Wait** for the Lord;
Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, **wait** for the Lord.

Ps 37:7

7 Rest in the Lord and **wait** patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

Ps 37:34

34 **Wait** for the Lord and keep His way,
And He will exalt you to inherit the land;

Ps 62:5

5 My soul, **wait** in silence for God only,
For my hope is from Him.

Ps 130:5

5 I **wait** for the Lord, my soul does wait,
And in His word do I hope.

Isa 40:31

31 Yet those who **wait** for the Lord
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

Isa 64:4

4 For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear,
Nor has the eye seen a God besides You,
Who acts in behalf of the one who **waits** for Him.

Micah 7:7

7 But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord;
I will **wait** for the God of my salvation.
My God will hear me.

“WHO YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
WILL IMPACT WHO YOU ARE LIVING FOR!”

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- While he is waiting, Habakkuk pictures himself as a guard whose responsibility is to keep watch.
- This is a serious responsibility.
- Habakkuk will wait patiently for God to answer.
- He is also thinking of what to say when corrected.

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- God says that He wants Habakkuk to get this down in writing.

3 reasons:

1. That it can be read.
2. That he who reads it will run to tell others.
3. That it may be preserved for future generations, that they would know the certainty of its fulfillment.

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- God here, like with everything else, has an appointed time.
- God has an appointed time for all of His purposes and their fulfillment.
- All of it was set before the foundation of the world.
- Timing is everything.

4 truths about the timing of God:

1. It is on the move.
2. It has a goal.
3. It is perfect.
4. It is certain.

- God is saying, "Habakkuk, don't you worry about a thing. I'll take care of the Chaldeans. But first I'll use them to punish Judah."
- After the Chaldeans (Babylon) destroyed Judah in 586 B.C., they were destroyed by Medo-Persia in 539 B.C., a short 47 years later, just as God had said.
- Here is a wonderful verse to summarize verse 3 . . .

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5 Commit your way to the Lord,

Trust also in Him,

And He shall bring it to pass.

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- The pride of man looks to himself to accomplish his goals.

- Babylon and their king were filled with pride.

Hab 1:10

10 "They mock at kings

And rulers are a laughing matter to them.

They laugh at every fortress

And heap up rubble to capture it.

Dan 4:28-30

28 "All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 "Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon.

30 "The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of **my power** and for the glory of **my majesty**?'"

- In contrast, those who are righteous look to and depend on God by faith.

PROUD ONE

Trusts in himself

Way of the Ungodly

Way o Unbelief

Way of the Wicked

Submits to No One

Puffed up, Arrogant, Proud

JUST ONE

Lives by Faith

Way of the Godly

Way of Faith

Way of the Righteous

Submits to God

Exhibits:

Trustworthiness,

Faithfulness

"Wherever human beings rely on something of this earth—whether it be intellectual achievement or wealth or military might or aesthetic ability and appreciation or pride of birth and status or even the ability to cope and solve problems and master the complexities of modern life—wherever confidence is placed in human prowess and not in God for the achievement of a satisfying and secure manner of living, there true life cannot be had."

- Ken Barker

"If there is a sin that is universal, it is this. Where is it not to be found? Hunt among the highest and loftiest in the world, and you shall find it there; and then go and search amongst the poorest and the most miserable, and you shall find it there. There may be as much pride inside a beggar's rags as in a prince's robe; and a harlot may be as proud as a model of chastity. Pride is a strange creature; it never objects to its lodgings. It will live comfortably enough in a palace, and it will live equally at its ease in a hovel. Is there any man in whose heart pride does not lurk?"

- Charles Spurgeon

Once a man came to John Bunyan after a sermon and told him what a fine sermon he preached. "You're too late," Bunyan answered. "The devil told me that before I stepped down from the pulpit."

Rom 1:17

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Gal 3:11

11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Heb 10:38

38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;
AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

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"righteous" - **ṭṭāṭṭā tsaddiyq** - forensic term used in a court of law. To conform to a certain standard.

• Here is the standard - "Righteousness is all that God is, all that God commands, and all that God demands."

• This verse brought about the reformation . . .

"Martin Luther was seeking plenary indulgence for his sins by crawling on his knees up the Scala Santa (Pilate's staircase) in Rome and saying the required prayer to the virgin Mary on each step when this verse thundered in his soul. Luther was trying to earn salvation by works when it dawned on him that justification and life was by faith. He rose from his knees, dusted off his robe, stood upright, and marched back down the steps and out of the church of Rome. He took half of Europe with him. Luther was the primary impetus for the Protestant Reformation! All beginning with this one verse - Habakkuk 2:4"

"Faith is the grand principle of the divine life from first to last. By faith we are justified, and by faith we live; by faith we stand, and by faith we walk. From the starting-post to the goal of the Christian course it is all by faith."

- C. H. McIntosh

Application

1. There are only 2 possible approaches to life: 1. through the wisdom of man which results in pride. 2. through faith and dependency on God which results in humility.
2. Waiting is hard for us. We want answers now. Postponements, deferrals, delays, often cast doubt on God's involvement in my problem.
3. "Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of "wait.""
4. Prayer is not God adjusting to my desires, purposes, and timing, but me adjusting to His. Prayer changes me.