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The Book of Habakkuk

Hab. 2:1-4

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2. A Permissive Society, 1:4

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- b. The Lord's People Were Careless, 1:4b – "...for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth." Psa. 17:8-9

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- Consider God's Holiness in regard to our *sanctification*.
- Consider God's Holiness in regard to our *service*.

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II. THE PROPHET IS TAUGHT (Watching and Waiting) – 2:1-20

A. God's Righteousness on the Individual Plane, 2:1-4

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1. The Eagerness of the Prophet, 2:1

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- a. His Receptive Attitude, 2:1a – “I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me...”

Ezek. 3:17 Son of man, **I have made thee a watchman** unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and **thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked** from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; **but his blood will I require at thine hand.**

19 **Yet if thou warn the wicked**, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; **but thou hast delivered thy soul.**

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Ezek. 33:3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and **blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned**; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; **but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.**

7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt **hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.**

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; **if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way**, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but **his blood will I require at thine hand.**

9 Nevertheless, **if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.**

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b. His Responsive Attitude, 2:1b – “...and what I shall answer when I am reproved.”

2. The Enlightenment of the Prophet, 2:2-4

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a. Regarding the Truth of God, 2:2

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i. To Be Recorded Simply, 2:2a – “And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables...”

ii. To Be Relayed Swiftly, 2:2b – “...that he may run that readeth it.”

b. Regarding the Timing of God, 2:3

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Heb. 10:37 For yet a little while, and **he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.**

38 Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

c. Regarding the Trustworthiness of God, 2:4

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Conclusion

- Watch and wait. Wait and watch. Psa. 27:14, 37:7

Psa. 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psa. 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

- Commit concerns to God in prayer. Phil. 4:6

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known unto God.**

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- Detach ourselves from the concern. Prov. 3:5-6

Prov. 3:5 **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart**; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.**

- Write and witness.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- Wait! Expect an answer from the Lord!
- Walk.....by faith!

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2 Cor. 5:7 (For **we walk by faith, not by sight:**)

Rom. 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

Gal. 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

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Heb. 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and **he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.**

38 Now **the just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

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