

INFORMED

Habakkuk 2

When we're confused God graciously communicates

I. LOOK (1-3)

A. THE PROPHET'S WATCH (1)

1. He took his assignment seriously
2. He's awaiting revelation from God
3. He's expecting reproof

B. THE PROPHET'S WRITING (2)

1. A Surprise!
 - God graciously gives Habakkuk an assignment and not the anticipated reproof
2. A Summons: Record the vision, making it permanent and public

C. THE PROPHET'S WAITING (3)

1. Reality: The vision is for a future time
2. Responsibility
 - a. Wait: Even if you don't see the results right away (See Dan. 12:8-9 and I Peter 1:10-12)
 - b. Be patient: Not everything works on our timetable ... in fact, nothing works on our timetable

II. BELIEVE (4-5)

- Right now, focus on this ...

A. THE PROUD WILL FAIL (4a & 5)

1. His soul is not right (4a)
 - Literally his soul is out of alignment
2. His thinking is not right (5)
 - He's deluded by wine and therefore restless and unsatisfied

B. THE RIGHTEOUS HAVE FAITH (4b)

1. The means of his righteousness is faith not law-keeping
 - The 613 laws of the Pentateuch are reduced to one! (O. Palmer Robertson, "Habakkuk")
 - See Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11 and Heb. 10:38
2. Resting in a relationship with God alone!
3. The Reality: An abiding trust in God no matter the adversary or adversity

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III. **KNOW** (6-19)

A. THE GUILTINESS OF THE WICKED (6a)

- Public shame and humiliation await those who act wickedly (see 1:11)

B. THE ROBBERY OF THE WICKED (6b-8)

1. Their sins: Stealing and looting (6b & 8)
2. Their sentence: They will be plundered (7)

C. THE LUXURY OF THE WICKED (9-11)

1. Their sins: Cheating, boasting, shaming (9-10)
2. Their sentence: They are haunted by their estates! (11)

D. THE CRUELTY OF THE WICKED (12-14)

1. Their sin: Building through bloodshed (12)
2. Their sentence: Their gains supply the fuel for the fire that destroys them (13)
3. The situation: When the righteous Judge punishes the wicked, God's glory expands (14)

E. THE DEBAUCHERY OF THE WICKED (15-17)

1. Their sins: Causing drunkenness and creating exploitation (15, 17)
2. Their sentence: Disgrace (16)

F. THE IDOLARTY OF THE WICKED (18-19)

1. Their craftsman: Fashioning a dumb dummy (18)
2. Their communication: Asking it to awake, arise and advise (19a)
3. The conclusion: It has no breath (19b)

IV. **HUSH** (20)

A. GOD'S PRESENCE IS CERTAIN

1. He is on His throne
2. He is in His holy temple

B. EARTH'S PEOPLE ARE SILENT

- Wowed and worshipful

CONCLUSION:

When we're confused God graciously communicates

1. Look to Him (1-3) > Look (esp. v. 1a)
2. Live by faith (4) > Believe
3. Learn from Him (6-19) > Know (esp. v. 14)
4. Listen to Him (20) > Hush (be quiet and calm)

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