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Habakkuk

Lesson #2

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Please always begin and end your study time in prayer.

This week in our homework we will see Habakkuk's response to his conversation with God in chapter 1. It is a response that we all would be wise to emulate. However, it is also a response that is very difficult to do. May we all learn from this prophet as we see him choose to watch, wait and write rather than worry, wonder and wander.

Read Habakkuk chapter 2. Record your initial observations below.

Watch

- 1. Read verse 1 again. What does Habakkuk decide to do in response to His conversation with God in chapter one?
- 2. What is your typical response to unanswered prayer? How do you react when you receive an answer you didn't expect or can't accept?
- 3. Verse 1 contains a glimpse into the heart of Habakkuk that allows him to hear and receive from God in a new and powerful way. What is it?
- 4. Habakkuk's willingness to be corrected is the key to the work that God wants to do in his life. What is the attitude and the condition of your heart when you are corrected by God?
- 5. Are you a scoffer who hates correction or are you humble enough to be in subjection to the Lord? See Psalm 51:17

Wait

- 1. Read Habakkuk 2:2,3. What are the Lord's instructions to Habakkuk as he watches and waits?
- 2. What is Habakkuk waiting for?
- 3. Now read Hebrews 10:30. What small but important difference is there in Habakkuk 2:3 and Hebrews 10:30?
- 4. As a New Testament Christian, who are you waiting for?

Write

Habakkuk was instructed to write and record all that God was showing and teaching him. The result of Habakkuk's obedience to God's instructions is the book of Habakkuk that we are studying today. It is beneficial for all of us to keep a record of our time alone with God and what He speaks to us as we watch and wait.

1. Take a moment and write below the things you are learning and receiving from the Lord up to this point in your study of Habakkuk.

The Key

The heart of the book of Habakkuk can be found in verse 4. It is God's answer to the way Habakkuk will be able to live through the coming devastation.

- 1. Write this verse in your own words. What does it mean to you?
- 2. Habakkuk 2:4 is one of the most important verses in the Old Testament. This verse is quoted in 3 books in the New Testament. Look up these verses:

Romans 1:17 _	
Galatians 3:11 _	
Hebrews 10:38	

The Woes

- 1. The remaining verses in chapter 2 list the five "woes" of the Babylonians. Find and write them below:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e..
- 2. We all want God to judge the sins of others but are uncomfortable when He judges our own sins. In the list of the five woes, did you see any areas of sin that may relate to your own life? Confess them now and accept God's forgiveness. If you didn't see any you may want to read these verses again. Ask God to show you any areas in your life that might concern Him and simply confess them to Him. See I John 1:9

The Assurances

Even in the midst of God's coming judgment against these awful sins we find 3 wonderful assurances that shine in the darkness like stars in a storm.

- a. The assurance of God's Grace Habakkuk 2:4
- b. The assurance of God's Glory Habakkuk 2:14
- c. The assurance of God's Government Habakkuk 2:20
- 1. Which of these assurances do you need for your life today? Choose one and claim it as your own today. Write it below.

Close your time of study in prayer and reflect on what you have learned so far.