



**You can only run properly during the appointed time with God's Word.*

**Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.*

2 Then the LORD answered me and said: And make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 "Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

1. V:1 Do you hear what God is saying to you?

We must learn to speak to others as a testimony after God has corrected us.

2. V:2-4 The ability to obey God comes after the reading of the Word.

God's prophetic Word is a vessel for faith. It works by faith. Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38

1. **It's history** before it happens.

2. **It is clear on all the issues** of obedience.

3. **It is accepted by faith** before it happens.

**God's warnings target the proud.*

**Habakkuk 2:5 "Indeed, because he transgresses by wine, he is a proud man, and he does not stay at home. Because he enlarges his desire as hell, and he is like death, and cannot be satisfied, he gathers to himself all nations and heaps up for himself all peoples.*

6 "Will not all these take up a proverb against him, and a taunting riddle against him, and say,

'Woe to him who increases what is not his—how long? and to him who loads himself with many pledges?'

7 Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And you will become their booty.

8 Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you, because of men's blood and the violence of the land and the city, and of all who dwell in it.

9 "Woe to him who covets evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of disaster!

10 You give shameful counsel to your house, cutting off many peoples, and sin against your soul.

11 For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the timbers will answer it.

12 "Woe to him who builds a town with bloodshed, who establishes a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the peoples labor to feed the fire, and nations weary themselves in vain?

14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

15 "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, pressing him to your bottle, even to make him drunk, that you may look on his nakedness!

1. V:5 The transgression is a substitute for the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:8 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is debauchery (Depravity); but be filled with the Spirit.

The enlarged desires can never be fulfilled. Satisfaction is a sign of God's contentment through His Spirit.

2. V:6-15 The 4 Warnings against living by our flesh.
Habakkuk's teaching about living by faith and warnings against the flesh sounds like N.T.'s teaching.
Some live by their devotions, works, feelings, and circumstances all lead them astray.

A. V:6 Warnings not to enlarge your desire.
When God removes certain things from our lives it is so those material things won't rule us.
Riches often bring the spirit of pride.
Spurgeon says you will find pride worldwide, from the richest to the poorest.

B. V:9 Warning against the evil spirit of greed.
The spirit of greed strangled Israel, and it is happening in America, too.
Luke 12:16-21 The rich man who built bigger barns, not realizing his soul and life were in danger

C. V:12 Warning on building towns on bloodshed will tie in with v:9 & 17. The greed led to abortion, a multi-billion-dollar death machine.

D. V:15 Warning about alcohol and drugs. Substance abuse alcohol kills 100,000 a year, and drug abuse another 100,000 on fentanyl alone.

**Shame and violence are often attached to false worship.*

**Habakkuk 2:16 You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also—drink! And be exposed as uncircumcised! The cup of the LORD's right hand will be turned against you, and utter shame will be on your glory.*

17 For the violence done to Lebanon will cover you, and the plunder of beasts which made them afraid, because of men's blood and the violence of the land and the city, and of all who dwell in it.

18 "What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, the molded image, a teacher of lies, that the maker of its mold should trust in it, to make mute idols?"

19 Woe to him who says to wood, 'Awake!' To silent stone, 'Arise! It shall teach!' Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, yet in it there is no breath at all.

20 "But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

1. V:16 When shame replaces glory, the beginning of wrath starts.
*Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

2. V:17 Violence and shedding of blood is the deeper progression of a people who aren't following God. (The sin cup turns against humanity when it's full)
Abortion is the evil spirit that craves innocent blood.

3. V:18-20 The ultimate apostasy is trusting in a fake god.
Even though this has a Woe, it could be a warning, but it is more of a sign of total depravity.

It is better to be silent before God than to open your mouth and prove your foolishness.

We've silenced the voice of the Christian in America and given power to the voice of violence.