



April 31th

Passage: Habakkuk 2:6-20

WOE!! It's Friday! And that's exactly what we're checking out today... no not Friday - WOEs! This section of Habakkuk holds all the woes of the Chaldeans. I know what you're thinking, God is doing some hip dance move to the Chaldeans (get it... the woe...) A woe is a rebuke, a way of saying "judgement is coming"!

Give the passage for today a read, but first - pray. Ask the Lord to grow you through his Word, ask him to encourage you through it.

READ & DIG. Read Habakkuk 2:6-20 & take note of anything that stands out!

GOD HATES SIN: If we were to break down each of these five woes, we would find God calling out the specific evils of the Chaldeans... This is the time Habakkuk has waited for! Woe #1&2: unjust in their dealings with money. Woe#3: forcing people to be their slaves. Woe# 4: their terrible leadership of other. Woe# 5: idolatry.

Here's the deal... the Chaldeans are evil... terrible... sinful and laugh about it. But the great truth that we find in the majority of chapter 2 is God hates sin. Not only does he hate it, he judges it.

JUDGEMENT FOR EVIL: There are some great things we can learn from the woes as we break them down. One of the first and foremost is the God will judge the evil in this world. Habakkuk has waited and waited and now God speaks to how he is going to judge the evil Chaldeans. This was God's plan all along. God was never going to let the Chaldeans be evil and get away with it. The truth we find in this big section is that God will avenge his people. Remember what Paul tells us in Romans 12:19, "*Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.*" We can take heart knowing that God will not let evil go forever.

THE LORD REIGNS: This entire section seems pretty hopeless doesn't it. It just sounds like judgment. But there are two shining lights in this section v24 & 2v0; check them out! This passage does teach us about God's judgement on sin, but it also teaches us that God is ruling and reigning.

[14] *For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea*

[20] *But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.*

God helps Habakkuk and us understand that though evil exists, though it looks like evil comes out on top, in the end God wins. God will have the final say and *all will keep silence before him*. This reminds us too of Paul's words in Philippians 2:10-11, that in the end *every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*. God always wins.

Apply & GO

So, the truth for today - God reigns forever and will punish evil!

These two truths are great news for you and !! As we look at the world, we look at the evil, we look at those that are unrighteous, and it seems that they are winning... **we can trust that God ultimately judges those who are against him.** It is also helpful to remember that God is always reigning... even right now...

What is something you need to trust God in today? What is something in your own life that you need to remember God is reigning over?

Pray today that the Lord would give you a great trust for his ways and his plan!