

## **Habakkuk 2:2-5**

### **Watching and Waiting, Part 1**

#### **Introduction**

1. Mankind is Limited and God is Not
2. God's Response to Habakkuk: A Message of Hope!
  - a. The Righteous Live by Faith (**2:2-5**)
  - b. I will Judge Babylonians (**2:6ff**)
3. God is Lord over All the Earth (**Habakkuk 2:14**)

#### **Main Idea of Habakkuk 2:2-5**

**In this world, the wicked live for themselves. The righteous are those who believe by faith and patiently live by faith in Christ.**

#### **God's Revelation Is Clear And Set In Stone (v 2)**

1. God Has Spoken, Believers are to Take Heed
2. The Holy Spirit Carries the Biblical Writers along in the inspiration and production of God's Word
3. The Word is Preserved – It is written
4. The Word is Made Clear by the Herald
5. The Message: The Judgment is Coming (Unpopular)

#### **God's Revelation Will Happen In Due Time (v 3)**

1. The Judgment is Eschatological: It will happen in the future
2. The Judgment is Appointed: God has designed it and brings it about
3. The Judgment will Come: The Faithful Must Wait
  - a. Example: Abraham
  - b. Pride Seems to Triumph
  - c. Justice will Come
4. What Do We Do While We Wait? Two Answers...
  - a. We Proudly Live As Masters of Our Own Destiny
  - b. We Humbly Trust in & Live Faithfully for God

#### **The Wicked Live For Themselves (vv 4a, 5)**

1. The Proud Man is Self-Sufficient: he needs nothing, no one, no religion – Christianity is a Crutch to him
2. The Proud Man is His Own god, Full of Conceit (**Habakkuk 1:11**)

3. The Proud Man can be Religious: Pharisees used God's Word, God's Doctrine, God's Language – but did not *know* God; (Paul before Christ (**Phil 3:4-7**))
4. The Proud Man is Never Content, but full of Greed (**See Habakkuk 1:9, 10b, 15**)
5. The Proud Man can be Saved! (Saul of Tarsus – Paul)

#### **The Righteous Live By Faith (v 4b)**

1. Who is Righteous?
  - a. No Not One (**Romans 3:10-18**)
  - b. The Mind of LOST Man does not Submit to God's Law (**Romans 8:7**)
2. The Law of God
  - a. Reveals God's Character and Restrains Evil
  - b. Condemns and Kills Us
    - i. Reveals Sin (**Romans 3:20**)
    - ii. Increases Sin (**Romans 5:20**)
    - iii. Kills us (**Romans 8:2-3**)
3. The Gospel of Jesus Christ: *The Just Live By Faith!*
  - a. The Way Into Righteousness (**Rom 1:16-17**)
    - i. Jesus was Perfectly Righteous
    - ii. Belief in His Sacrifice Justifies Sinners (**Romans 10:10**)
    - iii. Justified = Declared Righteous/Holy!
    - iv. Believers are Righteous (**Gal 2:20**)
  - b. The Way Forward & Onward (**Gal 3:10-11**)
    - i. We do not depend on the law to make us righteous... we depend on Christ (**Galatians 3:1-3**)
    - ii. We do not make ourselves holy and pure, Christ does
    - iii. A Church which survives, is one which depends on the Gospel by faith
  - c. The Way Through (**Hebrews 10:36-39**)
    - i. Christians Persevere to the End by Faith in Christ
    - ii. Jesus calls us to Himself and we will Finish the Race (**Jn 6:37, Phil 1:6**)
    - iii. Our Perseverance is not dependent upon our Hold of Christ, but on His hold of US!
    - iv. We Persevere with God-Given Faith!