

Habakkuk 1:12-2:20

I. There is a story that is told about a young boy who was very ill and the possibility of his recovery was very slim.

- A. The local preacher had come by and kneeling next to child's bed he offered a short prayer.
- B. He asked, "Father, if it be thy will, spare this child."
- C. The mother was distraught and she screamed, "It must be His will."

II. In time the child did recover but during His young life the mother was nearly murdered by him and before he was 23 his mother saw him hanging from the gallows.

III. Without question no one praying for this young's man life expected it to turn out this way.

IV. When we consider our lesson last week, and Habakkuk's complaint, without question he was not expecting to get the answer he got.

1. God was taking care of the problem of those workers of evil.
2. But He was going to use an evil nation to do it.
3. This is not what Habakkuk had expected.

V. With this we want to now consider Habakkuk's second complaint.

1. Habakkuk's Second Complaint

A. Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

B. Habakkuk begins his complaint by first recognizing who God is and why He is doing this, **Hab. 1:12**

1. God is from everlasting, He is Lord, He is God, He is the Holy One.
2. He had made a covenant to preserve His people, **Gen, 12:3; Deut 9:5**
3. But what god is doing is for judgment and correction of His people.

C. What follows is the reason for Habakkuk's fear.

1. These Chaldeans will not stop until God's people are destroyed off the face of the earth. **Hab. 1:13-17**
2. This would be contrary to His nature and promise, **Hab 1:13**

D. Habakkuk then states that he will wait and keep watching to hear what God will say, **2:1**

Appl: In considering what Habakkuk has said his complaint seems logical.

God is a Holy God, and for Him to use the Chaldeans as his instrument of wrath seems to contradict His nature.

Judgment and correction are one thing complete destruction is another.

Trans: What we now have is Gods response to Habakkuk's second complaint

2. God's Response

A. Habakkuk 2:2-20

B. In verses 2&3 God makes it clear that what He is sending is going to happen.

C. But in verses **4,5** God also makes it clear that the Chaldeans will perish for their deed and all of His people will not be lost.

1. Although God is bringing them up, they will like the wicked of Judah pay the penalty for their wickedness.

2. Their belief in their self-sufficiency will bring them down.

3. Yet those who live by faith have hope.

D. God then list five woes that will befall the wicked Chaldeans, **v.6-19**

1. The first woe, the plundering Chaldeans will be plundered, **6-8**

2. The second woe, their ambitious schemes will be recompensed by shame, **9-11**

3. The third woe, sinful building is repaid by destruction, **12-14**

4. The fourth woe, the one who leads nations away will be led away, **15, 17**

5. The fifth woe, the idolater will be forsaken by his idol, **18,19**

E. After explaining all that will take place to the Chaldeans, God concludes his response,

1. **Hab. 2:20**

2. The one who is Holy, The High and lofty one is in His temple, **Isa. 57:15**

3. As such we have no place to dictate to Him how He will work His plan, or expect Him to carry it out the way we desire. He is God, He will carry it out in a perfect and complete way.

4. There must be a quiet submission to Gods will, humbly letting Him lead us on the paths He has chosen, **Ps. 73:23-26**