

Habakkuk #3“God Answers Habakkuk’s Question”

Habakkuk 1:5-11; Psalm 19:1-11; 1st Corinthians 10:1-6, 11

As we look around us in Creation, we see the nonverbal testimony of God’s Majesty and Power graciously given as general revelation to all mankind and besides all that, we have God’s verbal testimony in special revelation, His Written Word and when we study it and understand the scope and depth of it with all its implications, we are in awe of God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ!

The study and application of biblical truth is the most important thing for believers in Jesus Christ to do and that’s the way we do our part in fulfilling John 17:17; Jesus’ prayer to His Father; “Sanctify them by the truth; Your Word is truth.”

God provided Israel with the physical food; manna along with physical water as a spiritual type or example to demonstrate that just as He provides nourishment for our physical existence in living-grace support, He also provides everything we need for nourishment in our spiritual existence; Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered,

“It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’

The Exodus generation under Moses, the greatest Old Testament saint, continuously disobeyed God, indicating that they lost their appreciation for the freedom they had. **So, Paul’s point in 1st Corinthians 10 is that we must pay attention to the Old Testament because it was written specifically for our instruction and all application in Scripture is actually drawn from literal historical events.**

Satan knows that if someone creates doubt or destroys the history of actual events, he removes any hope of applying them to man’s experience as truth.

If these events didn’t happen as recorded in Scripture, the validity of God’s promises and principles is irrelevant and meaningless.

The Bible records history accurately and that’s why history is continuously challenged and attacked by Satan.

In grace and love, God reaches out to man to get him to turn back to Him but once it gets to the point of no return, it’s the end.

God gives man grace and extends his time for the opportunity to turn back to Him but ultimately the time will come when God has to bring judgment.

God’s answer to Habakkuk is larger in scope than this individual situation; He sees how He’s going to use this finesse move to bring judgment on Israel, so that He can eventually raise her up as a righteous nation that worships God properly and glorifies Him magnificently.

The Bible teaches us that God is a God of redemption and therefore, a God of grace even in judgment, so throughout the Bible, grace proceeds judgment and grace follows judgment. **In a corrupt society, no one can get justice and if we don't have justice from our leaders, there's no value for life, privacy, property or even hope for the future because everything's in an uproar with no stability in sight.**

If the ruling elite in power are arrogant, we lose the foundation of righteous integrity and then the people become unstable, uncertain and psychologically dead.

But before we point any fingers, remember; the leaders always reflect the people's spiritual condition.

If unchecked, secular relativism gets to a point in a culture where people who want to do the right thing are viewed as the enemy and they become ridiculed, censored, prosecuted and even physically attacked.