

Habakkuk # 30 “Habakkuk, from Worry to Worship” Part 4

Genesis 15:1-7; Ephesians 3:14-21; 5:8-17

God is the ultimate in integrity and His Integrity is made up of His Righteousness, Justice and Love and God’s Righteousness by principle or standard, condemns or approves; His Justice by function or execution, judges or blesses and His Love by demonstration, provides grace solutions to all our problems. John 3:16-18 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the Name of God’s one and only Son.”

We cannot imitate God and worry, be afraid or be in a state of anxiety.

Children who are loved by their parents are quick to imitate them.

When we trust Jesus Christ as Savior, we enter into union with Him and then we become God’s beloved children.

Now as beloved children, we are to become imitators of God but it’s only possible to imitate God when we’re experientially abiding in fellowship with Jesus Christ, walking as He did.

As long as believers are ignorant of the Word of God by not continuing to make themselves available to the teaching of biblical truth, they will always worry and be forever miserable from lack of experiential abiding fellowship with the Lord.

Rise from the dead in Ephesians 5:14 means to go from carnality back into spirituality; in other words, to recover the filling of the Holy Spirit through 1st John 1:9.

Recovery through self-acknowledgement of our failures is the key to applying God’s Word.

The Comforter our Lord promised to send in His place is none other than God the Holy Spirit and the light Jesus Christ promised to shine on us is illuminated when we recover through use of 1st John 1:9 so we’re once again filled with the Holy Spirit and only in this way can we be productive as we rely on His power and not ours.

Worrying is like smoke; the more we worry, the worse things become so persistent worry is like adding smoke to darkness.

Worry means that we’re personally confused and our confusion and worry cloud the issue for everyone who has contact with us.

Confusion and worry are contagious diseases.

Satan always tries to twist our motivation and neutralize our testimony.

Abraham won man’s greatest battle over self-righteousness as he didn’t impose his own high standards of maturity on those who came with him but insisted that they be paid well for their help.

After all of his great victories, Abraham found himself out of fellowship with Jesus Christ through the temptation of human viewpoint, fear and worry.

These mental attitude sins are very subtle because they blaspheme the character of God by saying God is not capable of taking care of us.

We are most vulnerable to failure after great success, UNLESS we have the perspective of grace.

Abraham did not have the perspective of grace and therefore, this fantastic believer in *Genesis 14* is reduced to a fearful worrywart who is afraid of his own shadow in *Genesis 15*.

Abraham's worried and afraid, filled with anxiety and when this attitude continues it leads to neurosis, psychosis, mental illness and physical breakdown.

Not only is the temptation to worry great but the opportunity to worry is always available.

But in *Ephesians 5:1*, we're commanded to become imitators of God, so as believers in Jesus Christ and followers of Him, we should never worry because God does not worry.

So, if you're worried now, have been worried in the past or anticipate that you'll be worried in the future, God has an answer for you.

And His answer of hope is for the remainder of your life on this earth, so that you may have the peace, blessings, joy and inner happiness that belongs to you as a believer in Jesus Christ!

Are you upset about where your next meal is coming from and how you're going to handle the rest of your life?

Well, just stop it right now, says the Lord;

'I am your very great reward.' You refused the tremendous wealth of the spoils offered to you by a man; the money and property but I'm your reward and by the way, I own the cattle on a thousand hills; My wealth is inexhaustible!

We cannot worry and believe the promises of God at the same time; they cannot coexist.

Behind every promise in the Bible is a Person and we understand that a promise is no greater than the person who makes the promise.

A promise is no stronger than the person who makes it or the person's ability to fulfill the promise.

In the Bible, we're talking about the promises of God and behind every promise of God is a Person; the Sovereign, Absolutely Righteous, Just, Loving, Eternal, All-knowing, All-powerful, Everywhere-present, Unchanging, True God!

Who made promises to Abraham? The Lord God and the promises are as strong as God is strong. And we, as believers in Jesus Christ, are commanded to stop worrying because the promises that come to us have their source in a Perfect Person, Almighty God.

The promises of God do not depend on what we are; they depend on who and what God is!

This is grace and once we understand the principle of grace and all its ramifications, we cannot worry; it is impossible!

If God weakens, the universe collapses; so no matter how you look at it, if God has the power to hold the universe together, He has the power to handle any problem you've ever had or ever will have!

God is saying, 'Take a good look at those stars. They remain in their orbits although they're moving through space at tremendous speed and as they do, I hold them all in My Hand!'