

Habakkuk # 31 “Habakkuk, from Worry to Worship” Part 5 *Genesis 15:8-15*

If we believe the promises of God, we have peace and inner stability but if we believe human viewpoint and see our circumstances from human viewpoint, we’re going to worry ourselves into a state of horrific, self-inflicted, totally avoidable misery.

Although Abraham’s situation was humanly hopeless, it was not hopeless to God.

The heifer represented the sin-recovery offering in the Levitical system and the goat and ram both spoke of the work of Jesus Christ in salvation; the goat is the reconciliation offering and the ram represented propitiation.

The dove and young pigeon spoke of the Person of Jesus Christ and His heavenly origin; the dove portrays His deity and the pigeon, His resurrected humanity and neither bird was divided because deity cannot be divided or killed.

If Jesus Christ provided reconciliation which means the removal of the barrier between God and man, can’t He easily handle our problems in time?

HE CAN, SO STOP BEING THICK-HEADED, QUIT WORRYING.

The ram is the propitiation offering, meaning if God the Son hanging on the cross satisfied God the Father and all of the Father’s claims against us and if Jesus Christ did it all on the cross, why can’t He handle our problems in time? HE CAN therefore, stop worrying!

When Abraham walked between the pieces of the heifer, he was saying: ‘I have confessed my sins’ and when he killed the other animals, it was symbolic of being under the blood of Jesus Christ, in union with Him.

The devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour and what is this roaring lion devouring?

First the roaring is something to make us worry and then the devouring happens when we start to worry.

Paul wasn’t literally in any lion’s den but he was delivered from worry and fear by what God provided.

The soldiers of the devil attacked these carcasses and attacking them was Abraham’s temptation to start worrying all over again.

Why did Abraham fall into a deep sleep and a thick and dreadful darkness come over him? BECAUSE HE CLAIMED THE WORD OF GOD.

Because Abraham was standing on the promises of God, he knew that the battle is the Lord’s.

Abraham was standing still to watch the deliverance of the Lord because he knew biblical truth; he knew about the essence of God, so he knew that the Lord would never let him down.

We will not sleep peacefully until we know what we’re going to have after death and apply it to our lives now.

If God can provide a resurrection body for us; if He’s going to give us homes in Heaven; if He’s going to provide an inheritance that’s incorruptible and undefiled; if we’re going to have no more tears, no more

sorrow, no more pain and no more death in eternity along with many other unimaginable things, we have no reason to worry now.

Knowing with assurance means freedom from worry, anxiety and fear; no matter what the circumstances of life may be.

During this bondage, the Jews will have a tendency to be discouraged and give up, so Abraham is told “You pass on this truth and when they are in bondage, they will claim this truth and use it; so not only can you stop having nightmares now but for 400 years, your descendants in Egyptian slavery will not need to have nightmares, either.”