

# Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

## HABAKKUK 2:2-8

### Lesson 5

Habakkuk closed his second time of questioning the LORD with a commitment to *watch and see what the LORD will say to him*. In Habakkuk 2:2 we read the beginning of God's answer. However, God's answer was not for Habakkuk alone. It was for all of Israel, warning them of the destruction to come. God always warns of impending judgment, desiring repentance, not ruin. In this week's lesson we will examine the surety of God's Word and His desire for how *the just shall live*. May your faith be increased as you study.

#### DAY ONE: Read Habakkuk 2

1. God's reply in Habakkuk 2 provokes the song of praise in chapter 3. Initially, this chapter may not appear to be a chapter of comfort and encouragement. Record your impressions after reading Habakkuk 2.
2. Habakkuk 2 has been divided into six paragraph divisions. Read each division and summarize them.

Paragraph Division	Summary/ Subjects Covered
2:1-3	
2:4-8	
2:9-11	
2:12-14	
2:15-17	
2:18-20	

*But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.*

*- Habakkuk 2:20*

## DAY TWO: Read Habakkuk 2

1. Habakkuk 2:4 begins with the phrase *Behold the proud*. Behold *the proud* by marking each reference to them in chapter 2, including any pronouns that refer to them such as *his, he, him* and *you*. Now, from the words you marked, make a list of what chapter 2 reveals about *the proud*. Next to each item, record the verse reference in parenthesis. The first one is done for you.

1. His soul is not upright in him (4)

*We have forgotten the gracious Hand which has preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.*

*-Abraham Lincoln*

## DAY THREE: Read Habakkuk 2:2,3

1. Review Habakkuk 1:12,13 and record Habakkuk 's concern.
  
2. The LORD answered Habakkuk. What did He say (Habakkuk 2:2,3)?

- a. List what these verses reveal about *the vision*.

3. *But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed* (Habakkuk 2:3 NLT). What did God tell Habakkuk to do?

- a. To be able to *wait patiently*, what do you need to know?

Challenge: What do you know about God's ability and faithfulness to keep His promises?  
Use Scripture to support your answer.

4. God waited 70 years to fulfill His promise to release Israel from Babylonian (Chaldean) captivity (Jeremiah 29:10). Why do you think God sometimes waits to fulfill His promises and answer our prayers?

## DAY FOUR: Read Habakkuk 2:4

1. Using Habakkuk 2:4 contrast the *proud* and the *just*.
  
2. *The just shall live by faith*. What should *the just* not live by?
  
3. Define *faith*. Use a Strong's Concordance or Bible Dictionary if you have one.
  - a. What are some antonyms of *faith*?
  
4. As believers, we should walk *by faith* in the truths of God's Word. According to the following verses, what are some of the results of this kind of a life?
  - a. Luke 8:10
  - b. 1 Corinthians 2:9,10
  - c. Ephesians 1:7
  
5. In your own words, describe a life lived *by faith*.

*What is faith?*

*It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen.*

*It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.*

*-Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)*

## DAY FIVE: Read Habakkuk 2:5-8

1. Jon Courson summarized God's response in Habakkuk 2:5 as follows: *Habakkuk, understand this about Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians: I'm going to let them have their fill, but they will not be satisfied. The more they take, the more miserable they will be. I know what I'm doing.* What does Proverbs 27:20 and Ecclesiastes 5:10 say about this?

2. God will often *let us have our fill*, but it does not satisfy. Why do you think that getting what we ask for is usually not the answer?

a. As a Christian, what have you discovered about true satisfaction?

3. Habakkuk 2:6 begins a description of how the conquered nations will respond to the Chaldeans. According to verses 6-8, what will they do?

4. It appeared that the Chaldeans were allowed to *plunder many nations* without consequences. What did God declare would happen to them in Habakkuk 2:8?

a. What do the following Scriptures say about *reaping* consequences for sin?

Job 4:8

Proverbs 11:17

Galatians 6:7

5. Why do you think God told Habakkuk what would happen to the Chaldeans in Habakkuk 2:8?

## DAY SIX: Review Habakkuk 2:2-8

1. God told Habakkuk in 2:3 that the vision *will surely come, it will not tarry*. How does knowing God is faithful to His promises help you in times of distress?
2. God continues giving guidance to Habakkuk in verses 4-8. In what way does each of the following help?

Verse 4: the just shall live by faith

Verse 5: unrighteousness does not satisfy

Verses 6-8: unrepented sin will not go unpunished.

3. What have you gleaned from this week's homework that you will apply when you find yourself questioning God's ways as Habakkuk did?

*The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways,  
But a good man will be satisfied from above.*

*-Proverbs 14:14*