

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

HABAKKUK 2:9-20

Lesson 6

Habakkuk was concerned that the Chaldeans were going to go unpunished for their lawlessness. In this week's lesson we will see that God's purposes always prevail and those who seem to be beyond His reach have really never left His grasp. The LORD's right hand shall be turned against them and their glory shall be turned to shame. For *the LORD is in His holy temple: (He never left!) Let all the earth keep silence before Him* (Habakkuk 2:20). Blessed be the name of the LORD!

DAY ONE: Read Habakkuk 2

1. God's reply in Habakkuk 2 reveals that He is well aware of the viciousness of the Chaldeans. He declares five *woes* against them. Mark the word *woe* on your observation worksheet and summarize what each verse says below.

Habakkuk 2:6

Habakkuk 2:9

Habakkuk 2:12

Habakkuk 2:15

Habakkuk 2:19

Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it?

Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that woe and well-being proceed?

Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD.

-Lamentations 3:37,38,40

DAY TWO: Read Habakkuk 2:9-12

1. Habakkuk 2:9 declares a *woe* to the one *who covets evil gain for his house*. According to verse 9, why does he do this?

Challenge: Define the word *covet*.

- a. The Chaldeans built high towers to be delivered from the power of evil. They sought protection, not in the Creator but in the creature, not in moral means but in material. What does Jeremiah 49:16 declare?
 - b. What does Psalm 9:9 say about our true Protector?
 - 1.) Why is God a better means of protection than any thing or any one else?
2. Verses 10 and 11 of Habakkuk 2 speak of the shame that results from a life that seeks gain through bloodshed. The children of the one who has sin often suffer the consequences also. In what ways can a father's (or mother's) sin bring shame to their children?
 - a. Praise the Lord for His grace. What can children learn from a parent who has changed his way of life and surrendered to Jesus?

DAY THREE: Read Habakkuk 2:13-14

1. *Has not the LORD Almighty promised that the wealth of nations will turn to ashes? They work so hard, but all in vain!* (Habakkuk 2:13 NLT). Oh, the vanity of doing anything in our own strength! One day all of our works will be tried. What does 1 Corinthians 3:13-15 say about this?
 - a. What will determine whether your works are *gold, silver and precious stones* or *wood, hay and stubble*? See 1 Corinthians 3:11,12.
 - b. What does it mean to build on this foundation of Jesus Christ?

Something to think about: If Jesus came today, what of your works would remain after they were *tried by fire*?

2. Habakkuk 2:14 relates to the millennium (1000 year reign of Christ after His Second Coming) as prophesied in Isaiah 11:9. Record Habakkuk 2:14 below.
 - a. Pause and meditate on this verse. What do you think it will be like when *the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD*?

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You,

For Your judgments have been manifested."

- Revelation 15:4

DAY FIVE: Read Habakkuk 2:18-20

1. Read Habakkuk 2:18,19. What do these verses denounce?
 - a. Worshipping idols is not something we typically struggle with today. We know better than to trust in something made of wood – or do we? An idol is something we value more than God. What are some modern day idols worshipped today?
 - b. Why is the worship of these things just as unprofitable as worshipping a statue made of wood or stone?
2. ...*for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God* (Exodus 34:14). Describe the word *jealous* as it relates to God's jealousy over you.
 - a. *Jealousy* is usually thought of as a bad thing. Why is God's jealousy towards His children something to be treasured?
3. Habakkuk 2 closes with a wonderful reminder. Rather than being in wood or stone, where is the LORD?
 - a. What does Psalm 11:4 add to this?
4. In response to the LORD being *in His holy temple*, what should *all the earth* do?
 - a. We learned from Habakkuk 1 and other Scriptures that it is not wrong to cry out to the LORD with our concerns and frustrations. Therefore, what do you think Habakkuk meant when he wrote *Let all the earth keep silence before Him*?

*Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*
-Psalm 46.10

DAY SIX: Review Habakkuk 2:9-20

1. Describe the attitude of the Chaldeans according to Habakkuk 2:9-20
2. What have you learned from this lesson about the vanity of worldly pursuits?
3. After studying the five *woes* of Habakkuk 2, explain the word *woe*.
4. If it were not for the saving grace of Jesus Christ, many *woes* would apply to us. Take a moment and write a few words of thanksgiving to the Lord Who has spared you from *woes* and granted you abundant life.

*Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins.
But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so very much,
that even while we were dead because of our sins,
He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead...
-Ephesians 2:1,4,5 NLT*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR LESSON 11

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Lament. 3:37

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And turn back to the LORD;

Day two:

Psalm 9:9

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.

DAY THREE:

1 Cor. 3:13-15 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Isaiah 11:9

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.

1 Cor. 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

Rev. 15:4

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?
For *You* alone *are* holy.
For all nations shall come and worship before You,
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DAY FOUR:

Proverbs 23:29-35

Who has woe?

Who has sorrow?

Who has contentions?

Who has complaints?

Who has wounds without cause?

Who has redness of eyes? ³⁰

Those who linger long at the wine,

Those who go in search of mixed wine. ³¹

Do not look on the wine when it is red,

When it sparkles in the cup,

When it swirls around smoothly; ³²

At the last it bites like a serpent,

And stings like a viper. ³³

Your eyes will see strange things,

And your heart will utter perverse things. ³⁴

Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,

Or like one who lies at the top of the mast, *saying*: ³⁵

"They have struck me, *but* I was not hurt;

They have beaten me, but I did not feel *it*.

When shall I awake, that I may seek another *drink*?"

Ephes. 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

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Exodus 34:14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God),

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Ephes. 2:4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much,

Ephes. 2:5 that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favor that you have been saved!)