

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE  
**PROPHET, MAKE GOD'S MESSAGE PLAIN**  
**Habakkuk 2:2-4**

**1. Review: Habakkuk's "argument" with the LORD (Ch.1) –**

Habakkuk: Lord, do something about the wicked taking over Your church & persecuting the righteous.

The LORD: I will do something. I will send the Chaldeans to kill, pillage, destroy and conquer

(= covenant curses on covenant-breaking, see Deut.28:15-68).

Habakkuk: Lord, that's not what I prayed for.

And how can You, who are too holy to tolerate evil, use wicked, idolatrous Babylonians to afflict your people.

In brief: What the LORD says He will do does not seem right to Habakkuk. What should he do?

And, if the Lord should send "Babylonians" today to afflict His wayward church, and we don't understand/like it,  
what should we do?

**2. I will wait for God's correction! 2:1**

The last line of 2:1 should be translated:

"and what I will answer when I am rreproved/corrected" (AV, NASV), rather than "... concerning my complaint" (ESV, NIV).

Point: Habakkuk knows in his conscience that if he thinks God is wrong, then he's thinking wrong, and he want God's correction.

Rom.3:4 – "... Let God be true, though every man be a liar."

Should you climb into a tower and wait for God to speak to you, if you don't understand what He is doing?

You are not a specially called prophet who receives messages.

We have God's completed Word – the Bible.

Pray for the Spirit to give understanding and seek wise counsel from godly believers who have grown in the Word.

**3. Prophet – Do your job! 2:2,3**

The LORD does not respond to Habakkuk's argument with a lengthy explanation of why He is doing what He is doing (it's there, but brief).

No, He tells Habakkuk:

Record the message I give you and make it plain to all in Judah - like a big BILLBOARD.

I called you to be My prophet; carry out your ministry promptly & without questioning or amending My message.

This is the Church's calling today. Declare God's Word. 2 Tim.4:1-4.

And this is where the Church & its ministers have so often failed.

Wrong: "If it doesn't make sense to my brilliant intellect, it must be wrong." "If I can't persuade unbelievers to accept God's message, then I need to fix it so they will."