

## MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

### WHAT IS OUR MESSAGE ?

#### Habakkuk 2:3-5

The Prophet Habakkuk 26 centuries ago struggled to understand the will of the holy & just God in relationship to the terribly disobedient church of his day and the judgment God said He was going to send – using wicked, idol-worshipping Chaldeans (Babylonians). What God said to Habakkuk is instructive to us in our day.

(1) Last week: Do you job, prophet (church of Christ) and make my message clear, whether or not you understand & approve of it.

(2) Today: And what was that message? Then and now, essentially the same:

#### **1. Bad News – for Judah & the world: Judgment is coming.**

Habakkuk's message (& our message) begins with warning of judgment:

God is going to send judgments on the proud and wicked –  
BOTH in Judah & Babylon (vv.3-20)

Do the judgments may *seem* slow in coming?

They *will* arrive on time – God's time. vs.3; 2 Petet 3:3-9

A two-fold warning:

a. To Judah (the church) – vs.4

The "proud one" in contrast to "the righteous" (believers),  
that is, the unbelieving covenant-breakers in the visible church.  
Also to *the church* throughout this age – 1 Pet.4:17 (Rev.2,3)

To the proud and unbelieving -

who trust that their outward connection with the church & its rites  
are all they need to be right with God (Matt.7:21-23).

b. To the "haughty" Chaldean (vs.5)

The "drunkard" who will not stay "home" but tries to conquer all the  
nations around.

So today: **Rom.1:18** "The wrath of God is [being] revealed from  
heaven against ALL ungodliness ..."

– and FINAL judgment is coming. Warn the world!!

#### **2. Good news: God sent His Son to save sinners.**

***Repent of sin & trust in Jesus Christ and be saved.***

However stern & fearsome, God's message directs listeners to hope in  
God's mercies - through Christ.

***"But the righteous will live by his faith." Vs.4***

The Lord recognized "the righteous" in covenant-breaking Judah –  
identified by their "faith."

They believe the Lord's Word (such as Habakkuk's message), repent of  
their sins, and trust in God's promises of mercy for them.

**Hebrews 10:36-39** brings this home to us: Christian believers –

Hold on to the promises of God, no matter what, because "the righteous  
will live by faith."

**Romans 1:16,17** - the heart of the Gospel : It is by faith that sinners are  
made righteous in Christ & receive life from God.