

The Just Shall Live By Faith

Bridging the Testaments

Habakkuk 2

1 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

2 Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.”

3 “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by faith.”

The Old Testament or Old Covenant points toward God's intended purpose—the New Covenant.

“But the just shall live by faith”

In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, God's intention was that those who follow Him walk by faith.

Habakkuk doesn't say that doubt or fear is the opposite of faith, but pride.

“Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him...”

Our faith is either based on who God is, who we are, or something else we trust in. Any faith that is not in God is pride.

Habakkuk gives four things he does in preparation to meeting with God:

“I will stand my watch...”

I will keep my eyes open

Part of walking by faith is living in the constant reality that faith is essential and that God is willing and able to help.

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“and set myself on the rampart...”

Willing and ready for battle

Living by faith means maturing in what we know about God and being willing to fight the battles He chooses for us.

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“And watch to see what He will say to me.”

Hanging on God's every word

Our fear going into any battle should be of going into that battle without God's promise

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“And what I will answer
when I am corrected”

Preparing a humble heart

Humility must be cultivated. When we invite God’s all-knowing presence to come close, we see Him and we see ourselves.

Living by faith takes on new dimension
in the New Covenant.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel of
Christ...the just shall live by faith”
Romans 1:16-17

Living by faith for a Christian means
believing in the power of the gospel,
trusting fully in the gospel, and not being
ashamed of sharing the gospel.

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“But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for the just shall live by faith” Galatians 3:11

Living by faith requires total abandon of anything else we might trust in, cling to, rely upon, or look to apart from God.

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Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him” Hebrews 10:38

With every endeavor and trial of faith comes the opportunity to draw back and trust in whatever we did before. The call of the justified is to never look back.

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