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Notes

06/18 Habakkuk 3:1-15, "Help Me See You, God" Subtitle: How to find peace in waiting, Scripture: Psalm 107:28-32. Father's Day

[The Prophet's prayer, "Revive your work in the midst of the years...in wrath remember mercy...You go forth for the salvation of Your people...there is rest for your people in the day of trouble.]

The Top 10 Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say:

10. I really appreciate the Father's Day breakfast, but next time could you do turkey bacon with my eggs? Turkey bacon blows regular bacon out of the water!
9. "You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for un-chaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?"
8. "I noticed that all your friends have a certain hostile attitude. I like that."
7. "Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!!!"
6. "What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating is not good enough for you, son?"
5. "Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party."
4. "Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies—ya know—that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks."
3. "No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now quit your belly-aching and let's go to the mall."
2. "Whaddy wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend."

And the number one thing you'll never hear a dad say:

1. "Well, how 'bout that? I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions."

Ah, asking for directions when we are lost. That is exactly what Habakkuk decided to do in this psalm of his.

This little Minor Prophet:

- Represents a personal God
- Demonstrates a personal relationship
- Presents an absolute truth defined by God
- Demands its reader's to respond

The first question Habakkuk asked in Habakkuk 1:1-11 was, "How long to I have to wait, God?" This question assumes that God is going to do something and is longing to know how long it will take before He does.

The Second question Habakkuk asked God, we can all relate to, at one time or another, "Why Don't You Do Something, God?" (How to find peace in waiting)

The first one questions God's timing, the second one questions God's actions.

How to find peace in waiting:

- God will prove that He is your God
- God will prove that He defines right and wrong
- God will prove that He alone determines destiny

- God will prove that He is worthy to be trusted
- God will prove that He is worth the wait

Accept these truths from Habakkuk and you can find peace.

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Seeing God helps you to trust God.

You can see God in His provision, you can see God in His faithfulness, and you can see God in His justice.

Seeing God more clearly enables you to trust Him.

Trusting God is believing Him to be who the Bible, His provision, His faithfulness, and His justice tells you about Him which enables you to find peace, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

This Psalm of Habakkuk was given by God to bring solace to His oppressed people. Though they were suffering from their own rebellion against God, in His mercy and grace, God gave them comfort in order to give them a hope hope in Him that leads to peace.

In the same way, God included this Psalm in His written Word, so that we might find that same hope that leads to peace.

Do you want to find peace in the midst of this loud, chaotic, and crazy world? Do you want to experience growing hope in the present as well as

the future? Do you want to find release from the guilt and consequences of your past and move towards a brighter future?

In answer to these questions, Habakkuk asks God to help Him see Him more clearly, in three different ways. The first thing he does is petition God to intervene, God's way, rather than their own way. You see, the first step in seeing God more clearly is to ask God to intervene in His way. It is a type of surrender of your own way of doing things and accept that God's way is a better way.

So, like a dad would never do, Habakkuk realized that he and Israel were lost and decided it was time to stop and ask for directions.

When you feel lost, like you are just traveling in circles in your life, Stop and ask God for directions.

Stop and ask for Directions (Habakkuk 3:1-3)

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1. ++Ask God to Revive His Work instead of yours
2. ++ Ask God to let you see His work as time goes by
3. ++Ask God for His mercy despite your past

You see, we all tend to walk through life trusting our own sense of direction. If we are going to find growing peace in trusting God, we must increasingly realize that our sense of direction will just keep us lost on our search for peace. We must stop and ask for directions.

It is equally important that we ask the right guide for directions. The world has all sorts of answers for what will give you peace. The sources for those answers might be sought from educators, media, technology, financial advisors, counselors, or increasingly in today's culture, influencers. Here is the problem, all of those that the world presents as authoritative guides in life, are as equally in need of stopping and asking for directions in life as you are.

On the road for peace, we must recognize the right guide to ask directions from, not people but God. We must recognize God as the Right Guide.

Recognize God is the Right Guide (Habakkuk 3:3-11)

Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah 3. A Description of the Lord's Appearing in Great Power (3:3-15)

Teman probably stands for the area of Edom as a whole.⁴⁷ Paran was a mountainous area southwest of Judah in the Sinai Peninsula and west of the Gulf of Aqaba.⁴⁸ Together, the two areas refer to God's coming in the past when he gave the law and led the people of Israel through the wilderness.

Recognize God is the Right Guide (Habakkuk 3:3-11)

1. ++There is no other like God (Habakkuk 3:3-7)
2. ++There is no power like God's (Habakkuk 3:8-11)

We listen to all of the latest things, that self-help video that unlocks the secret to peaceful living, that new supplement that will make us healthy and live longer, that following that will determine our own self-worth and impact on the world. When we stop and ask for directions, we need to be

sure to recognize God as the right guide.

On the road for peace, as we stop and ask directions from the right guide, the last thing we need to do then, is follow His directions.

Follow His Directions (Habakkuk 3:12-15)

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1. ++There is no rule like God's (Habakkuk 3:12-13)
2. ++There is no justice like God's (Habakkuk 3:14-15)

On the road to find peace in life, we must stop and ask directions from the right guide, and then be willing to follow His directions to get us there.

Do you want to find peace in this life and hope for peace in the next? Ask God to help you see Him more clearly.

In seeing God for who He truly is, you can learn to trust Him more.

Greater trust in God is the only thing in this life that leads to growing peace.

Ask God, look for God, trust God and you will find peace equal to your trust.

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