THE JUSTICE & JUDGMENT OF GOD



In the midst of wicked and oppressive circumstances in the world around us, how should we balance waiting and action?

Habakkuk was told to wait for the future judgment of the Lord (Hab. 2:3), but in other passages we are told to be active and ready for the Lord's return (Luke 12:35-48). How do you make sense of that?

𝒞 What are some practical examples of how you could obediently implement both sides of instruction?

2 The "woe oracles" in Habakkuk 2 focus on selfish ambition, covetousness, exploitation, abuse, and idolatry.

What evidences of these things do you see in your sphere of life (contemporary examples)?

What passages of scripture would you use to guide a person struggling with one of these condemnatory practices? What attitudes or practices should Christians display instead?

In (Hab 2:16), God says that the Babylonians are going to get a "taste of their own medicine."

Have you ever seen people "fall into their own traps" or get a "taste of their own medicine?" How did that make you feel? How could it serve as a warning for yourself?

4 In (Hab 2:18-19) God mentions how idols are "teachers of lies" who "teach."

🖋 What implicit lies do you think idols would have you believe (See Isaiah 40; Rom. 1)?

What stands behind idols according to (1Cor. 10:14-22) that makes them so dangerous?

Do you think idolatry is something Christians still need to worry about? Why or why not (See Psalms 115:2-8; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5; 1John 5:21)?

5	God declares that his glory will someday cover the earth like waters cover the sea (Hab 2:14). How does that verse compare with (Isaiah 11:9)? When do you think these promises will be fulfilled?
	🖋 How can thinking about future glory play into our present living, especially in times of suffering (See Rom. 8:23-25; 2Cor. 4:18; Heb. 11:14-16)?
6	If you were going to write a biography of God, what could you write about him from Habakkuk chapters 1 and 2? How does each attribute or insight insect with your life in a practical way?
	How does the person of God (as described in Habakkuk 1-2) meet you where you are? What does Habakkuk teach us about the gospel in chapters 1 and 2?
1	Those who are suffering under the wickedness of society or corrupt authority are told to wait (Hab. 2:3).
	♀ Why is waiting difficult? How do you usually respond if you are forced to wait? PRAYER REQUESTS
	 Do you feel like you are in a waiting season right now? How do you feel about waiting and what is it doing in your relationship with God?
	How can (Isaiah 40:28-31; Psalm 62:1; Prov. 8:34) be an encouragement to the one who is waiting?
8	How should the basis and certainty of God's judgment impact the way we live? Give one practical implication of this truth.

How can impending judgment be both a source of comfort and conviction?