



1 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?*

 *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?*

3 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?*

