

## **When God Seems Inconsistent** **#4 Is God Unjust? - Habakkuk 2:15-20**

Last week we saw the first three stanzas in 2:5-14. This morning we will consider the last two stanzas.

### **The Vision of Habakkuk Sees the Earth Filled with God's Glory**

#### 1. The Sin of Violent Conquest (15-17)

##### *This Is Poetic Imagery*

The picture is one of drunken debauchery. The Babylonians' lust for conquest resulted in humiliation and indignity for those they conquered.

- **What men see as glorious God sees as \_\_\_\_\_**

They stripped away the human rights of these peoples.

##### **My Walk with God Is \_\_\_\_\_ in**

##### **How I Treat Others**

- **What men do to others God will \_\_\_\_\_**

(16) "You also—drink! And be exposed as uncircumcised."

This is a common figure used in the Bible for God's judgment. Jeremiah was given this figure in his prophecy concerning Babylon's captivity of Judah and Babylon's eventual destruction.

Jeremiah 25:27-29, "Therefore you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Drink, be drunk, and vomit!"

The Babylonians will themselves experience the same ravages of war that they brought on other nations namely Judah.

(17) "For the violence done to Lebanon will cover you."

Even though Habakkuk is walking in the dark he is to walk by faith. Babylon fell in one night during a drunken feast, Daniel 5. At the end of the age God will pour out His wrath on Prophetic Babylon, Revelation 16:17-19. God punishes evil.

There is justice in God's universe. Delayed justice is not injustice.

##### **The Bible Clearly Teaches Divine \_\_\_\_\_**

Psalms 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

Matthew 25:41, "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'"

#### 2. The Sin of Idolatrous Worship (18-20)

##### *Idolatry Is Reprehensible Folly*

God taunts the Babylonians for their trust in idols they have made with their own hands. The Hebrew for "mute idols" phonetically evokes nonsensical babble. God was bringing the Babylonians to judge Judah for their idolatry.

- **Idolatry is incredibly \_\_\_\_\_**

Isaiah 44:16-17, "He burns half of it in the fire; with this half he eats meat; he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." And the rest of it he makes into a god, his carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!""

##### **The idols of Babylon are completely powerless to save them from their coming judgment.**

Psalms 115:3-9, "...They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk..."

**Men turn to idols because they have turned away from God.**

Romans 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

**Not All Idols Have \_\_\_\_\_ to Them**

There are idolatrous thoughts, actions, beliefs, values, priorities etc.

● **The worship of God is immeasurably \_\_\_\_\_**

In contrast to the dumb lifeless idols is the living God. Psalm 33:13-14, “The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth.” The idols are silent before their makers. Man is to be silent before his Maker so he can hear what God has spoken.

**God Is Saying “Stop \_\_\_\_\_, Stop Complaining!”**

God is not insensitive to the suffering of His people. God is not unaware of the sin and wrong in the world.

Psalm 11:4-7, “The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men....”

**God Will Accomplish His Divine Plan According To His Purpose and His**

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