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“Waiting”

“Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’” (Isaiah 28:16)

How Long?

Habakkuk 1:2-4 – (2) “O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? (3) Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. (4) So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.”

God’s Imperceptible Work

Habakkuk 1:5 – “Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.”

Key Point: Wait till you see what God is doing behind the Scenes

God’s People:

(1) Wait Upon the Lord

“For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.” (Habakkuk 2:3)

(2) Are not like the Fast and Furious World

“For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every

fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!”
(Habukkuk 1:6-10)

(3) Have Faith in God

“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.” (Habukkuk 2:4)

“Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.” (Habukkuk 3:17-18)

**“It will be said on that day, ‘Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.’
(Isaiah 25:9)**

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

When troubled, do I tend to react hastily, or wait patiently upon God?

(Psalm 27:12-14)

For whom does God act valiantly? (Is. 64:4; La. 3:25-26)

Does strength come from stressing or waiting in faith? (Is. 40:31)