

“WHY WAIT ?”

HABAKKUK 2:2-20





When we have a prayer unanswered, or perplexity about life, the very best thing we can do is to bring the problem to God and expect Him to answer it!

Biblical waiting is faith expecting,

it's faith detaching from the problem and attaching to God!

It brings peace, power, and understanding.

Psalm 27:13,14

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart: Wait, I say, on the LORD.

Waiting lets us understand the puzzle.

3 Wonderful truths

- **God will** answer and assure the believer. (vs. 2-4)
- **God will** bring every man's actions into account. (vs. 4-19)
- **God will** accomplish His plan and be acknowledged as LORD. (vs. 14 & 20)

Waiting brings wisdom and is never a waste!

Psalm 37:7

Take your rest in the Lord, *waiting quietly* for Him; do not be angry because of the man who does well in his evil ways, and gives effect to his bad plans.

Taking time to seek God's Word will bring answers to our "whys", assurances of God's ways, and awe of God's worth!

I. The Answer (vs. 2-4)

1. His Word was scribed – “write it”

1 Peter 1:21 Revelation 1:1

2. His Word is sure – “appointed time”,
“not lie”, “surely come” (Luke 21:33)

3. His Word secured – “live by faith”

Hebrews 11:1-3 Romans 4:20-22

II. THE ACCOUNTING (vs.4-20)

- **Sin will reap it's fruit – “Woe”**

Alas, Oh no, misery, look out you're going to get it, a cry of pain.

Ecclesiastes 8:12,13 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Galatians 6:7 Luke 16:22 Hebrews 2:2,3

2. God will fulfill His plan – v.14

Psalms 2:2-8 Isaiah 2:2, 9:6, 11:9, 42:4, 60:2

Daniel 2:44 Revelation 11:5

III. THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(v. 20)

- The Sacredness of God silences us.
“in His Holy Temple” Isaiah 6:5
- The Sovereignty of God silences us.
“all the earth before Him” Rev. 8:1
- The Sentencing from God silences us.
“Keep silence” Romans 3:19

Waiting closes our mouth and opens our eyes

Waiting learns

- Everything has an appointed time in the clock of God and He keeps the stop watch. *I trust Him* – Psalm 31:15
- There is a judgment day and so the sinner will be punished and the saint rewarded. – *I believe Him* – John 3:36
- God is the winner and Satan is the loser. *I lean on Him* – Rev. 19:11-21

AMEN !

PSALM 37:34

“Wait on the LORD and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off you shall see it”

Ecclesiastes 8:12,13

“Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and his life is long, I am certain that **it will be well** for those who go in fear of God and are in fear before him. But **it will not be well** for the evil-doer”