

Habakkuk 2: 1-3 'Wait For God's Answer'

- After telling God of his trouble in ch.1 he realises he must pray and wait 2:1

I. Wait for God's Answer and Expect it

- Commit your problem to God. Detach yourself from it: v1 a tower, a look out
- Illustrating turn our backs on our problems and focus our gaze on God.
"I will take my stand at my watch post and station myself on the tower"
- Prophet couldn't understand his problem, so looked away and looked to God
- This is the true basis of peace "be anxious for nothing" Phil 4: 7 but pray
- Expect an answer. We must be looking to God for an answer, expecting it.
- 'I'll watch to see' soldier keeps his eye on landscape for slightest movement
- Are we like this man on the watchtower expecting an answer from God?
- The answer may come in many ways, as we read God's Word, in our hearts
- He lays something on our minds, in clear providences He has ordered for us.
- We must be 'watching and waiting' to do otherwise is to dishonour God

II. God Answers

- Vs 2, 3 contain the answer that Habakkuk was given concerning his dilemma
 - God told the prophet to write the prophecy clearly, so others could be warned
 - God's answer to the prophet was to be found in prophecy, in revelation.
 - In approaching the problem of the nature of history, we need to understand the true nature of prophecy. Prophecy occupies a large place in the Bible.
 - Understanding the nature of prophecy comforts and consoles God's children
 - Prophecy, basic in relation to teaching of Bible about God's revelation to man
- a) It is God's revelation to man: it is something which is revealed by God to man
'write the vision make it plain' it was a divine revelation **2 Peter 1: 20**
- b) It is a forth telling of events: It is forth telling a kind of teaching primarily
There are future elements too, God spoke of two things which would happen
- c) It is certain of fulfilment: this is a great comfort, prophecy will be fulfilled
Write - vision, & make it plain upon tables, it's yet for an appointed time
- d) It is of exact fulfilment: most wonderful is that it is precise. ... **for - vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, & not lie**