

HABAKKUK : FROM “WHY’S” TO “WISE”

607 BC

CHAPTER 1: THE PERSONAL JOURNAL OF A
“WHY’S” PROPHET

CHAPTER 2:
THE PROBLEM OF SOUND
THEOLOGY WITHOUT FAITH

*WHEN A HUMBLE “HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!” IS
REPLACED BY A PRIDEFUL “WHY? WHY? WHY?”*

The Great Blondin, Winter 1858

A 1,300ft. hemp rope, 2 in. wide, no safety net



SETTING THE SCENE:

- HABAKKUK COMPLAINS AND QUESTIONS GOD (1:1-4)
[THINGS ARE STILL OK]
- HABAKKUK MOVES TO ACCUSING GOD AND PASSING JUDGMENT ON HIM (1:1-4) [THINGS ARE *NOT* OK!]
- GOD RESPONDS: “YOU ARE LIVING BY PRIDE, NOT FAITH, AND YOU WOULDN’T BELIEVE THE TRUTH IF I TOLD YOU!” (1:5, 2:4A)
- GOD TELLS HABAKKUK THE TRUTH... AND... (WAIT FOR IT)
...HABAKKUK DOESN’T BELIEVE HIM (1:6-2:1)

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4. GOD RESPONDS: “PRIDE IS A PROBLEM OF THE SOUL”
(2:1-4) THE PROBLEM IS NOT THEOLOGICAL,
INTELLECTUAL, OR STRATEGICAL; IT IS MORAL, SPIRITUAL,
AND VOLITIONAL. THE RIGHTEOUS LIVE BY FAITH!

APPLICATION:

- WHERE DO YOU QUESTION GOD?
- HOW DO YOU QUESTION GOD?
- HAVE YOU CONVINCED YOURSELF YOU ARE ON A QUEST FOR “TRUTH” OR A SEARCH FOR “JUST THE FACTS”, WHEN IN REALITY THE PROBLEM IS ONE OF THE SOUL? WHAT WE JUSTIFY AS A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OR A PROBLEM WITH “WRAPPING OUR MIND AROUND THINGS” MAY BE THE PRIDE THAT EMANATES FROM THE HUMAN SOUL.