God Of Wonders

Tony Mauck · Habakkuk 1:2–5

INTRODUCTION

- Habakkuk sees evil running amok among his own people. And he wonders why God hasn't done something to this point about the evil that he sees.
- Look among the nations, observe, be astonished. Wonder. Because I am doing something in your days. You would not believe if you were told.
- Our God is indeed a God of wonders.

1 God's Activity Astonishes

Joshua 10:12–14; Psalm 147:4–5

- If God were to explain what he was doing even now, we would not believe if we were told.
- So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies.
- And there was no day like that before it or after it when the Lord listened to the voice of a man. For the Lord fought for Israel.
- Great is our Lord and abundant in strength. His understanding is infinite. He counts all the stars and knows them all by name.

2 God's Activity Cannot Be Thwarted by Powerful Men

Habakkuk 1:11; Isaiah 40; Acts 5

- They don't realize that God is using them to accomplish his purposes. They think it's all about them and their strength and their power.
- And there's not any man powerful enough to cancel what God is doing. Not King Nebuchadnezzar.
- God is still the ultimate power. And he will accomplish his purpose as he who reduces rulers to nothing.
- The nations are like grasshoppers. A drop in the bucket.
- No matter what happens, you better find yourself in alignment with the purposes of God.

3 That Same God Is Still Active Today

- Yes, sometimes he worked by a miracle, and those stories fascinate us.
- God, more often in the Old Testament, even, worked through providence in the arranging of his circumstances.
- He's not always working by the suspension of natural laws or what we might call a miracle or a sign. That God is still active today.

4 You Need to Enlist in His Cause

2 Timothy 2:3–4; 2 Timothy 2:20–22

- We're talking about enlisting in the greatest cause on the earth. God's kingdom and the hearts of men and women.
- No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.
- Those things are ultimately meaningless. Unless we have enlisted in this cause. Unless we find our purpose in his purposes.
- What kind of vessel are you to the Lord? Are you an honorable vessel? Sanctified. Useful to the master. Prepared for every good work.
- If you want to be a vessel for honor, useful to the master, you need to pursue right things, pursue righteousness.

5 Regard His Patience as Salvation

2 Peter 3:8–15

- There's another thought in Scripture that pertains to this lesson this morning. And that is this that we need to regard his patience as salvation.
- But the day of the Lord will come. People will not be ready. He will come as a thief in the night.
- The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.
- It tells me why I'm here today and why you're still here today. The Lord is still being patient.
- I don't know what's going to happen in the world, but I do know it can come at any time, and people aren't going to be ready, and so I need to be ready every day.

THE CHALLENGE

Enlist in his cause. And I'll tell you, if this lesson doesn't say anything else, if you haven't done that, it says you better get after it. You better act right now while there is still time and opportunity.

MY NOTES