

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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## THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

## MEDITATION

Habakkuk 2:1-3 – (on opposite page)

Psalm 73

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Hymn 311 "Hallelujah, What a Savior"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 327 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Communion

Hymn 329 "There is Power in the Blood"

Message "Prayer for the Suffering, Sick, Nation and the Straying" pt.3

James 5:12-20 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 425 "Bind Us Together"

Benediction

## THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck

Precept class begins next Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm

No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\*

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

\*\*Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz\*\*

\*\*\*Today's sermon devotional is on line on the web site\*\*\*

Chowder and Bon-Fire on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Bring a desert & chair

The Lord's reply: The judgment is sure, but not immediate (Habakkuk 2:1-3)  
*This response forms a prologue, establishing the context as a "revelation" (or "vision") concerning the Babylonian oppressor. Verses 6-20 will amplify these indictments.*

**Verse 1:** Habakkuk's mood changes from one of impatience to one of waiting. The prophet says that he will wait at his *watchtower*. We do not exactly know what it may have been, but certainly it was indicative of a quiet place where the prophet could meditate on God's Word (similar thought given by Asaph in Psalm 73:16-17). The last part of verse 1 may indicate that the prophet was also planning what he would say in response to what the Lord answered. At this point he may be entertaining the notion that his complaint in chapter one was harsh, and may have imputed injustice or inconsistency to God.

**Verses 2-3:** The reply comes to Habakkuk in the form of a vision or revelation. "Vision" (*hazon*) denotes a vision that is almost invariably supersensory in nature, and it is attributed especially to the prophets. The cognate verb (*hazah*) was already used to introduce Habakkuk's prophecy in 1:1. (Yes, I had to look up cognate verb LOL) The "revelation" was to be written down to preserve it for the future, and the word "write" has the significance of engraving the writing on clay tablets that would then be placed in a prominent place.. The writing is to be made "plain" has the thought that this piece of biblical prophecy will be clearly discernible for the careful reader. "Herald" (*qore*) is literally "the one who reads," and it was the custom to read the message and then "run" or be obedient to God in proclaiming the message (I Samuel 4:12; 2 Samuel 18:19-27; Jeremiah 51:31). **Verse 3** provides Habakkuk with an instruction that the vision will come at exactly the time that God has appointed. This verse is a commentary on how God views *time*. God is not bound by our concepts, and thus he always sees the end time triumph of good over evil. This is the same concept that Peter avows in 2 Peter 3:8: "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."