

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Habakkuk 2:4 – (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 2
Hymns 10, 11 “Majesty” “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Message GOD WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE
Obadiah Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 612 “In This Very Room”
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 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

Ladies luncheon September 19th from 12-3pm- see sign up in hallway for more info

"God's Principle Regarding World Government" (Habakkuk 2:4a)

"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright."

Verse 4: This verse covers a vast amount of territory as it sweeps across the centuries. In the first half there is a compressed philosophy of history. This is the statement of God's opinion of the Chaldeans and all through history who would follow their tyrannical example. The verb "puffed up" (*apal*) carries the meaning of "swelling." "His desires" translates *napso*, which has the idea of desire or appetite. God is saying that any nation that thrives through tyranny including the oppression of others has written its own obituary. A wicked power will fall of its own weight, Any nation that is inflated with pride and thoroughly crooked in its dealings will be doomed to destruction.

"Reformation Truth in Habakkuk" Here we have a statement of what truly makes a man just before God (2:4)

For man to be faithful in righteousness entails dependent trust in relation to God. Faith implies obedient commitment no less than trust. Paul found in this statement a summary of the OT way of salvation. This passage "the just will live by his faith" is quoted in Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:18; and Hebrews 10:38.

The truth in the second half of verse 4, blossoms in the New Testament with the profound doctrine of just how a sinner may indeed become righteous in the sight of a holy God. This phrase ranks among the most important in all of Scripture regarding our faith. The word *just* refers to the man who is righteous in the sight of God. It is commonly used of "fairness" applied to personal character and conduct, which is evidenced especially as reliability. In Deuteronomy 32:4, God's reliability (faithfulness) is parallel to his name "Rock." Such a man must live in God's sight by faith (*emunah*).. Accordingly, a man is made right—just—before God, not by what he himself does, but rather by his faith in the finished work of Christ. This central doctrine is developed thoroughly by the Apostle Paul in the book of Romans, which is in many respects a commentary on Habakkuk 2:4. In a larger sense, the book of Romans concentrates on "**the just**," Galatians talks about how we "**shall live**," and Hebrews finishes by explaining that we live "**by faith**."