

vs. 4

God is talking about Babylon (remember to boo) in these verses

- Remember in ch. 1 when the Lord spoke of the Babylonians and how they were guilty because they trust in their own strength.
- It's basically saying the same thing here that "they trust in themselves and their lives are crooked."
- God's basically telling Habakkuk that these people are indeed guilty of much and their day of judgment will come.

We've seen this warning against pride before

- Turn with me to Proverbs 16: 17&18 (read verse)
- This should sound pretty familiar to most of you as it's repeated a lot that pride comes before the fall.
- And pride is one of Babylon's major sins which is why we'll see later when God described how he is going to punish the Babylonians.

In 1 Peter he talks about how "God Opposes the proud."

- I think a lot of people miss the purpose of this verse.
- Most people think "well of course doesn't approve of people being proud"
- But it's more than just disapproval, God actively opposes the proud.
- And he has no problem humbling people when it's needed, as he is about to do with Israel and then Babylon itself later on.

Does anyone remember the movie "Titanic"?

- favorite part
- story

God's telling us that the proud will have their day

- if not in this life then in the next where the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

Lets look at the second part of verse 4

-read “But the righteous...”

-You know in my opinion Pride is one of the sneakiest sins there is for Christians.

-especially for me, I know I get caught up in pride all the time and make things about myself instead of God.

Like I was telling David the other day, the story of when we first became interns.

-Some of you know my testimony, but when I first came to the BCM as a intern I was just starting to build my Christian Faith.

-And I had lived with David for a couple of years before we became interns and we used to compete against each other all the time while playing video games or whatever.

-so when I started working on my walk with God and I still viewed David as my rival, someone that I had to be better than.

-So when I'd see him reading his Bible I'd go read mine and make sure I would do it longer

-And when I'd see David talking to someone new at challenge or something I wouldn't allow myself to be outdone so I'd go find any random person I didn't know and demand their name, age, major, and reason for attending the BCM.

-While I was doing all the things I was supposed to I was missing the point of serving God

It's so easy to think “Look at me I'm so humble” or “I'm such a good Christian”

-But that's not living by your faithfulness to God, it's living by your faithfulness to yourself.

-As John the Baptist said, “He must increase and I must Decrease” referring to Jesus.

-The point of this life is not about ourselves but about God. That's who we exist to glorify and when we learn that then we can start living righteous lives.

### Verse 5

-This part of verse 5 "The arrogant are never at rest" kind of confused me at first.

-I didn't see how arrogance leads to unrest.

-Then I remembered my days back when I used to attend video game tournaments a lot. (video game story)

-This is the same thing the Babylonians do to other nations, once they see that someone has the potential to threaten them they crush them without mercy and take everything they possess.

### The next part of verse 5 (read greed lines)

-I love this line, it's such a cool mental image. But it also rings very true.

-I don't think any of us have any kids yet, but you can remember the days when all we wanted were new toys to keep us entertained.

-our parents would buy us a new toy and we'd play with it for 5 minutes then see a commercial on TV for a new better toy and all of a sudden we don't like our brand new toy anymore and we want more.

-Whenever I wanted something I'd have to implement the "annoy mom till she gives it to me" tactic. However sometimes this backfires and all I got was slap upside the head. It was a risk I was usually willing to take though.

-but again greed is just thinking about ourselves.

-turn with me to Matthew 6:24 (read)

-We can't serve God if we are too busy serving ourselves, we can only have one master.

-Remember where our treasure is where our hearts will be, either here on earth or in Heaven.