

Habakkuk 2:1-3 – The Lord’s Second Answer

Objective: God’s timing is perfect

Intro

Have you ever been at a restaurant waiting for someone? You get there and wonder if it is the right place. You look around to see if they are already there? Then you call them and they don’t answer. You check your cell phone to see if they texted you, you check your watch to see what time it is. Then you decide to wait, then check your watch and see that it has only been a minute even though it feels like it’s been 20. Your palms get all sweaty because you wonder if you made a mistake and thought it was a different day and your mind begins to race what if it was a different day, did we change the time? I’m not quite sure about life right now. Then the person shows up and you feel a tremendous pressure lifted off of your shoulders.

Today we are talking about waiting on God and that situation could be similar to how Habakkuk was feeling.

2:1 – Listen

First thing you do is **listen**.

God is relational, if you stop to listen He will speak to you. Through audibly, His Word, circumstances, through people.

Sometimes He won’t.

2:2 – Write

Romans 15:4- Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

Second thing you do is **write. (journaling)** When you write down what God is showing you, you begin to wonder if it was from God. Then even later you are like well maybe it was the pizza I ate, not God. When you write it down it becomes legit and a spiritual anchor/reference point.

2:3 – Wait

The third thing you do is **wait**. We are so used to instant gratification, instant return. We don’t like to wait.

mowed` (mo-ade`); an appointment or a fixed time.

When the time is right, nothing can stop it. Like when a baby is coming, you can’t stop that junk. There is nothing you can do to speed it up because it is God’s time. Also, there is nothing anyone can do to slow it down because it is God’s time. Habakkuk waiting almost 80 years before the revelation came about. The people of Habakkuk’s time never saw it come to pass, it was the next generation.

When God promises something, you might have to wait for it but you can take His promise to the bank because He will fulfill it. Some of you are in this waiting period. You believe God has shown you something and you’ve recorded it and now you are waiting and waiting and waiting and are afraid that it will not happen. God’s delays are not God’s denials. The Bible is filled with people waiting on God’s promises that He does eventually fulfill. Moses talks to God and finds out about delivering His people and build the nation. and then goes on a 40 year wandering tour waiting on God, which is like 240 cat years which couldn’t be good for anything. What does he do? Waits? And waits and waits. Joseph tells him that he is going to be a great leader. He gets beat up by his brothers and sold to slavery, 2 years in prison and then more before he gets elevated and put in charge over all of Egypt. Paul waits 13 years before he can preach the Gospel even though he was ready.

When you are waiting you are serving the Lord with whatever you do because you are doing what He has told you to do. You serve Him the whole time.



These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day. Habakkuk 2:3 LB

Serve God by waiting on Him

