

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

Lee Moses

The times were difficult for Habakkuk and his countrymen. Wicked foreigners were oppressing and attacking God's people. No retribution whatsoever seemed to come to those wicked foreigners. It seemed to Habakkuk that perhaps God was failing—failing to protect the righteous, failing to punish the wicked, and failing to respond to the prayers of Habakkuk and others like him. The second chapter of the book of Habakkuk records the Lord's response to Habakkuk's dilemma—although things presently were as Habakkuk had observed, God would ultimately set all things straight. Wrongs would be punished and the righteous would be vindicated. The chapter concludes with this powerful portrait: "But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Habakkuk 2:20).

The world is presently facing difficult, uncertain times. We might find ourselves similarly doubting what lies ahead and even doubting where God is in all of this. But we do well to remember, "The LORD is in his holy temple."

The Lord is in control. When the Lord was said to be "in His holy temple," that was not a reference to the temple in Jerusalem. He was in His eternally heavenly dwelling, and from there He had a larger perspective than anyone on earth could conceive. As the psalmist said, "The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men" (Psalm 11:4). And this heavenly temple where He remains—aware of all, and ruling over all. This does not mean that He micromanages every event that occurs; but ultimately, "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

The Lord has plans man cannot comprehend. Although the wicked of Habakkuk's day seemed to be flourishing, God pronounced "woes" upon them (Hab. 2:6, 9, 12, 15, 19). He knew something was coming to those wicked that Habakkuk and his countrymen could not see. Throughout thousands of years of human history, God had a plan to enable the potential salvation of all mankind, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Man can only know the parts of God's plans that He has revealed to us. But man can be certain that God's plans are perfect, far greater than any man could devise.

The Lord's promises will come to fruition regardless of what transpires on earth. While God has not revealed every future world event, He has made sure promises—He has promised that we can be presently saved (Mark 16:16; Revelation 22:17), that we can stand without condemnation on the Day of Judgment (John 5:24; Romans 8:1), that we can know that we have eternal life awaiting us (1 Thessalonians 4:15-16; 1 John 5:13). Mankind will not come to its final physical destruction until the day the Lord has determined. As such, why should we be overly anxious about threats within this world? "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man [or any other physical threat, LM] shall do unto me" (Hebrews 13:6).

National Crises

March 18, 2020

Jess Whitlock

As of today's date over 100 Americans have died because of the coronavirus. In 2009 over 1,000 Americans died as a result of what is called "swine flu." Both times the government became very excited and interested in what to do to "control" the death toll. And, rightfully so. We sorrow with all who have lost loved ones in this time of national crisis.

According to the "National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse" we find this statement: "An estimated 88,005 people (approximately 62,000 men and 26,000 women) die from alcohol-related causes annually, making alcohol the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States." This has been going on for multiplied years in our country. The government has done absolutely NOTHING in an effort to control the number of lost lives each year due to alcoholism. Why not? The truth be known, because most leaders in our nation are addicted to alcohol. We are warned that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging" (Pro. 20:1). Alcohol continues to mock Americans and take American lives by the thousands every year. Yet the majority of politicians in our land could care less. What a shame.

Since the "Roe vs. Wade" decision of the Supreme Court in 1973, in America we have killed almost 62,000,000 innocent babies in our nation. The Bible reveals that life begins at the moment of conception in the mother's womb (Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:41; 2:21). One politician stated that it "would be unChristian to attempt to put an end to abortion on demand." This woman has no idea what Christianity is. Willful murder in the sight of a holy God has never been right, nor had His approval. Most politicians in our land today are "pro-death" when it comes to innocent babes. When a woman enters an abortion clinic today the mother's WOMB becomes the baby's TOMB. May God forgive us for our stupidity as a nation.

You may make the sin of alcoholism legal in our nation, which we have most assuredly done, but you can never, ever make it right! You may make the murder of little babies in our land legal, which we have most assuredly done, but you can never, ever make it right! Where is the political leader who will take a stand against alcoholism? Where is the politician who will defend the right of innocent babes to have a chance for life? May God raise up such men and women while there is still time.

NEWS AND NOTES

"I was sick, and ye visited me..." (Matthew 25:36)

Carolyn Harper is at home improving from last week's surgery.

Gail Goodwin is encountering some difficulties as she recovers from knee surgery.

Stacy Williams was to have a heart ablation scheduled after her nuclear stress test last week.

Judy McQuay was to have surgery to remove kidney stones, but the surgery was cancelled.

Mark Brewer is still dealing with pain as he recovers from his back surgery.

Steve Stoker is scheduled for an MRI tomorrow, March 30th, to see what treatment will be needed for a spot found on his 6-month CT scan.

Miles Dodson, grandson of Jerry and Patti, will be scheduled for surgery when he gains some weight.

Thad Mangrum is at home after being in rehab for several weeks.

Jim Spencer is waiting for a heart cath and needs back surgery after heart issues are corrected.

Debbie Barnett is showing improvement in Regional One after her car accident.

Billy Joe Kee, father of Terry Joe, is at home improving a bit from extreme weakness and falls.

Please check the bulletin boards for updates on the Prayer Request List, and inform us of any needed updates. Also be sure to read any thank you notes we have received that are on the board.

"Let all things be done unto edifying." (I Corinthians 14:26)

Please see Scott Pratt to volunteer for taking part in yard maintenance this summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:14)

Those Privileged To Serve

April 5, 2020

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

March 22, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard
Opening Prayer:
Closing Prayer:
Bible Reading:
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader:
Opening Prayer:
Closing Prayer:
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD'S TABLE

Presiding:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Nichols

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Song Leader:
Opening Prayer:
Closing Prayer:

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

Sunday Bible Study	NC
Sunday AM Worship	94
Sunday PM Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:

"He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding."
Proverbs 12:11

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"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

This past Lord's Day was a good day as we gathered and worshiped. Even though it is true that not all were able to be with us and many needed to stay home and care for themselves, we had a good day. We pray that this virus will soon be gone and we can get back to doing the work God has given us to do. We all need to be mindful of all those among us who are not able to get out and may be in need of things to help us get through these times. Be praying for all those who are being affected directly or indirectly during the time.

Things change from one day to another and none of us know what tomorrow may bring. We do all know who knows the end of this thing from the beginning and to Him we call and bring our daily petitions. Pray for all men, but especially those who are in authority that we may be able to continue to worship without fear. We need our times together as we are members one of another. We each rely upon each other and together we are much stronger than we are separated.

When we are thinking about those who are suffering indirectly please remember all our brethren who fall into this category. We will have those who will have their incomes reduced or eliminated because of this present distress. Think about those who cannot work and are being told to stay home; those who are having to find and provide accommodations for children who are now out of school; those whose locally owned businesses may be destroyed because of this pandemic; and then those who are confined at home and cannot have visitors they need; and so many more who are bearing the burdens brought on by this virus.

This present time does allow for us to have the time to accomplish many things that are helpful to our spiritual well-being. Certainly we can spend more time studying and meditating upon the Word of God. We can spend time calling and checking on those who may need assistance. We can give ourselves to prayer and spend more time in calling upon God and crying out for others. Try to remember the suggestions I made Sunday morning and if you were not able to be present then remember not to worry; rely upon the Great Physician, avoid sin infected crowds, wash your hands and cleanse your hearts, surround yourselves with light and eat healthy spiritual food, look for opportunities to do good and open doors for the gospel, and finally trust in the Lord.

SHEPHERDS

*Dan Nichols
Randy Oden
Jody Pickens*

DEACONS

*Scottie Blanchard
Jerry Dodson
Mike Felts
Jason Garland
Marshall Lands
Mark Wooten*

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

*Michael Hughes
Samrit Kammanee
Arnold Kelley
Guyana, South America
Warren, PA*

SERVICES

SUNDAY

*Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.*

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

*Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:17*

*Believe the Word of God
John 8:24*

*Repent of your sins
Luke 13:3*

*Confess your faith in Jesus
as the Son of God
Romans 10:9,10*

*Be Baptized for the
remission of your sins
Acts 2:38*

*Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10*

*"Where there is no vision,
the people perish...."
Proverbs 29:18*

*God Give Us 2020 Vision
in 2020*