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Monday

Hab. 1:5 "Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days — You would not believe if you were told."

God is at work in ways you do not see nor can you conceive, working out His purposes and plans. The really exciting thing is that His astonishing work includes your life. Your circumstances are part of His plan. As you follow Him, He is working out the daily connections of your life. You may not see from the earthly perspective what is so clear from heavenly heights, but know that God is orchestrating a wonderful plan for you as you walk in His will and wait patiently upon His promises. "Unbelievable!" will be your exclamation when you see how God has directed the steps of your life — if you will trust in Him.

Tuesday

Hab. 2:4 "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith."

A proud man may live by his wits, but a wise man lives by faith. This is the wisdom of God. The key to success, to safety, to security today and in eternity is trust in God. Such trust leads to obedience in every area of your life. When you trust Him, you will obey Him, follow His principles and His word. When you fail to follow, when you fail to obey His will, then you show yourself as proud and unbelieving. Faith that is merely a feeling or a profession is not genuine belief. Every step, action, and plan of a righteous one is in fact an exercise of faith.

Wednesday

Hab. 2:6 "Will not all of these take up a taunt-song against him, Even mockery and insinuations against him And say, 'Woe to him who increases what is not his — For how long — And makes himself rich with loans?'"

Ouch! Does this hit our modern manner of living or what? Living above your means is not new, they were doing so in Habakkuk's time as well. Yet, the ancient practice is as foolish today as it was then. Debt that allows us to live above our resources enslaves us, mocks us, and ruins us. What is the cause of such debt? Jealousy? Pride? Inability to postpone gratification of desires? Each of these too is a spiritual issue. Take heed of God's plan. Save, give, store up blessings. God made you to be a steward not a slave. Follow His principles for financial freedom.

Thursday

Hab. 2:3 "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay."

God's word is true and His plan is sure. Though He tarries for the sake of mercy and grace, He will carry out His promises for both blessing and judgment. God's plans are for appointed times. He has set the times for fulfillment. Waiting for the fulfillment of God's plan in our lives builds patience, faith, and requires steady obedience. God reminds the prophet of this truth and reminds you as well. Waiting on the Lord is still one of the most difficult, yet essential tasks for the man or woman of faith. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

Friday

Hab. 3:19 The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet, And makes me walk on my high places.

Like the sure-footed deer on the mountain peaks, God will make your feet stable in unstable places. Like the soaring eagle above the fray, God will make you soar above the circumstances of life. The prophet watched as God brought judgment upon rebellion. But he did not fear because as one faithful to God, he knew that God would strengthen him and even make his feet like hind's feet in high places.