

Wisdom not Worry
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**“Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it” (Hab. 2:2)**

During this uncertain time, Facebook has become popular place to post inspiring messages and up-lifting memes. If Habakkuk lived today, I’m certain he would have used Facebook. Though he wouldn’t have posted feel-good pictures of kittens and puppies or a motivational quote from a famous NFL coach. He would have up-loaded what God revealed and told him to post – “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets.” He would have posted the good news of the gospel.

First, he would have warned of the coming judgment of God. Because God is Holy and Just, he was “raising up the Babylonians” as His instrument of judgement upon a people who had ignored him and gone their own way. Second, he would have told everyone how to live in the meantime – “The just shall live by faith” in the provision of a loving and merciful God who “works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes” Romans 8:28).

Dear friends, today, no less than then, we too are called to make this message plain.

As a friend of mine noted, the pandemic is a “shot over the bow” warning us of the judgment of God to come. Because of our “sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed...the wrath of God is coming” (Colossians 3:5-6). Paul warns, “He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord...” (2 Thess. 1:9).

In His holiness He must punish sin, but in His love and mercy He has provided a substitute to serve out our sentence. Jesus Christ who was “pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities ... rescues us from the coming wrath” (Isaiah 53:5, 1 Thess. 1:10). “The just shall live by faith.” By faith we receive the all the benefits of what Jesus has done. Through faith in Him we are no longer convicted criminals, but His dearly loved children? Have you put your trust in Him? Who will you tell today? With whom will you make the message plain?

Grateful,
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