

Wisdom Not Worry
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Habakkuk 2:18-20

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him (Habakkuk 2:20)

When the world seems upended and the future is uncertain there is no more assuring news than, “The Lord is in his holy temple.” Psalm 11:4 elaborates, “The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them” (Psalm 11:4).

In this life we will have trouble (John 16:33). In fact, following Jesus Christ ensures suffering greater than most - “All who desire to live godly lives in Christ will be persecuted” (2 Tim. 3:12). Like Habakkuk, we might be deeply troubled by what seems to be unfair treatment by the ungodly. John says, however, “Don’t be surprised if the world hates you” (1 John 3:13). Jesus assures, “If the world hates you, understand it hated me first.” But we need not worry. We have nothing to fear. The Lord is in his holy temple. He’s still on his throne.

God is on the job. Nothing is hidden from His sight. Contrary to the lifeless gods of Babylon who cannot hear, much less respond (Habakkuk 2:18-19), the Lord is not some helpless bystander unable or unwilling to act. He is in his holy temple from where he will administer justice, afflicting those who afflict his children and giving relief to we who are afflicted (2 Thess. 1:5-6). With Jesus who “entrusted himself to him who judges justly” when he suffered unjustly (1 Peter 2:23), we silently, confidently and patiently wait on Him.

Grateful,
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