



THE PATH OF THE WICKED *Habakkuk 2:6-20*

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Good morning church! In Habakkuk chapter 2, we will look at 5 woes, which are great sorrows or distress for the wicked Chaldeans that will help us understand 5 different areas of evildoing. Your life & my life is valuable and important! What we do and say is important, giving great influence to people are us. Do we care enough about Jesus Christ, who is our Lord & living God that gave us a path to walk on? Today, we need to consider which path you are on, which determines the destination of where you'll go.

Habakkuk 2:6-20

Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say, "Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own— for how long?— and loads himself with pledges!" 7 Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. 8 Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. 9 "Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach of harm! 10 You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited your life. 11 For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond. 12 "Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! 13 Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing? 14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 15 "Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink— you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! 16 You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision! The cup in the Lord's right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory! 17 The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. 18 "What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! 19 Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. 20 But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

*"But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.
19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft,
false witness, slander."* **Matthew 15:18-19**

The Woes Pronounced upon Babylon (2:6-20)

1. The Wicked TAKES What is NOT His. (v 6)

- A strong DESIRE to have what another has is WRONG.

2. The Wicked Devises EVIL PLANS. (v 9)

- WRONGDOING moves us further AWAY from eternal life. (v 10)

"You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him."

Romans 8:9

3. The Wicked Does VIOLENCE. (v 12)

4. The Wicked MOCKS Neighbors (v 15)

5. The Wicked Practice IDOLATRY. (v 19)

- "You shall have NO OTHER gods before ME" **Exodus 20:3**

"For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." **Romans 14:23**

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."

1 John 2:1-6

May we walk the path of righteousness
and warn those who are on the path of the wicked.