

## **Workshop: Preparing The Future Generation ~ The Book of Habakkuk**

### **Five Ways We Can Prepare the Future Generation**

- 1st Way is: By Making Sure They Have A Personal Relationship with God (Crucial)
- 2nd Way is: By Helping Them to Have A 'Biblical' Worldview
- 3rd Way is: By Teaching Them To See God's Sovereignty over all Political Affairs
- 4th Way is: By Teaching Them How To Stay Alert
- 5th Way is: By Helping Them To Become a People of Praise no Matter How Dark it Gets

### ***Do they have A Personal Relationship with the God of the Bible? (Habakkuk Chapter 1:5-11; Chapter 2:2-4; John 16:33; Isaiah 43:2; Habakkuk 3:2-16)***

- Do they truly have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ His Son?
- Are they presently attending a church? Are they in a church fellowship?
- Do they even believe in God? (Yes, No, Uncertain)
- Do they consider themselves born again? (Yes, No, Uncertain, Not sure what you mean?)
- How often do they attend church? Are they actively involved? (Before and after COVID)
- In what ways do they serve in their local church?
- Do they read the Bible? (daily, occasionally, never)
- Do they pray? (daily, occasionally, never)
- Does their family have family devotions? (daily, occasionally, never)
- If they were to die and stand before God and He asked them why He should permit them to enter Heaven, how would they respond?
- How would they describe their relationship with God?

### ***Second Way We Prepare The Future Generation is By Helping Them to Have A 'Biblical' Worldview (Habakkuk 1:5; Psalm 2; Genesis 1-11; Revelation 17:17)***

- Have them study through Genesis 1-11 - which will give them a 'Biblical Worldview' and will answer these two questions: (1) Why does so much evil exist in this world?, (2) How long before God does something about it?

### ***The Third Way We Prepare The Future Generation is By Teaching Them To See God's Sovereignty over all Political Affairs in Every Generation (Habakkuk 1:5-11; Jeremiah 25:12; 29:1-14; Daniel 1:2; Proverbs 21:1; the Book of Esther)***

- If we don't teach these things, they can potentially apostate from the faith
- They will turn to the culture/world to find the answers
- Teach them how to contend earnestly for the faith
- Jesus is still King of kings and Lord of lords, the Alpha and the Omega
- He is Sovereign over all the political affairs of humanity

***The Fourth Way We Prepare The Future Generation is By Teaching Them How To Stay Alert  
(Habakkuk 2:1; Matthew 24:43,44; Mark 13:33, 35-37; Luke 21:34-36; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Peter 5:8;  
1 Thessalonians 5:6; 1 Peter 4:7; Revelation 3:2,3; Revelation 16:15)***

- **Stand** (Amad: means to remain, to endure, to stop moving or doing, to cease, to tarry, continue, abide, persist, be steadfast, to hold one's ground, to stand firm, erect (at attention)
- **Watch** (Tsaphah: means to peer into the distance, to observe, to watch closely, to await, to look up, to wait for)
- **Say** (Dabar: to speak, to be spoken, to converse, command)
- **Reply** to what has been said (Shuwh: to turn back to God - to repent, to bring back, to restore, to refresh, to repair, to make requital, to turn away from, to turn towards)
- **Corrected/reprimanded/reproved/chastened**

**How We Can Help Them To Stay Alert: Make sure they**

- Are in fellowship with other like minded believers (Hebrews 10:25)
- In a Church that is teaching the infallible Word of God
- Being a good Berean
- Are conversing with God everyday through cultivating a prayer life
- Allowing the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and other believers to bring correction into their lives

***Fifth way we Prepare The Future Generation is By Helping Them To Become a People of Praise no Matter How Dark it Gets (Habakkuk 3:17-19; Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Colossians 3:1-4; Revelation 21:1-5)***

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If hard times should come, if industry should crash, and the banks are broke, take care to watch and be sober (1 Thessalonians 5:6). Nothing will get us over a panic so well as everyone trying to keep our spirits up. When you rise, say, "Times are hard and today I may lose all." Fretting will not help. Let me set a bold heart against sorrow and go about my business. The wheels of commerce may stop, but I bless God that my treasure is in heaven, for I cannot go bankrupt. My mind is set on things above, not on things of the earth (Colossians 3:2), and I cannot lose those things.

**Homework Assignment study the different attributes of God**

- Look at the saints of old and how God revealed Himself to them especially in times of difficulty
- Keep a journal on how God has been faithful to them during stormy seasons in their lives
- Keep a prayer journal on how God has answered their prayers especially when they thought He was silent
- Gratitude List thanking God for His faithfulness in their life
- Look for opportunities to share their testimony with others who have lost all hope

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