

Doing What You Are Suppose To Do

Scripture: Hab. 2:1-4

Intro: The prophet was perplexed about two unanswered problems God furnished answers for.

1. God seemed silent to the evils all around (1:2-4) answered in vs. 5. (Ps. 92:7; Jas. 1:11)
2. God permitted people more wicked than His people to make it tough on them (1:13). He will stand on His watch tower and wait for the answer – answered in four “woes” of chapter two verses 6, 9, 12, 15.

STAND TO WATCH ON THE TOWER: STAND (upright); WATCH (sight); TOWER (elevated).

- Suppose to be saved. (Tit. 3:5; Jn. 3:5)
- Suppose to be straight. (Ps. 84:11)

I. Watch for the souls of men. (Jn. 4:35-36)

- A. Alarmed at their destiny. (Ps. 9:17)
 1. Dead and have no life. (Eph. 2:1)
 2. Blind and have no sight. (II Cor. 4:3-4)
- B. Alerted to their destitution. (Lk. 19:10)
 1. They are bankrupt and need God: devoid of God.
 2. They are banished and need help: departed from God.

II. Watch for the saints of God. (Heb. 13:7, 17)

- A. Some of the wayward. (Gal. 6:1; Ps. 66:18)
 1. They are deprived by choice of life's best. (Jas. 1:17; Jer. 5:25)
 2. They are departed by embarrassment from church's best. (Jer. 2:19; 4:18)
- B. Some are weaklings. (Rom. 14:1)
 1. They need strengthening from the strong. (Rom. 15:1)
 2. They need restoration by those who are spiritual. (Gal. 6:1)
 3. They need conversion from those who are saints. (Jas. 5:19-20)
- C. Some are weary. (Gal. 6:9; II Thes. 3:13; Isa. 40:30-31; Jer. 20:9)
 1. They need our example of steadfastness. (I Cor. 15:58; Heb. 12:3, 5)
 2. They need our support in encouraging words. (Pr. 25:11; Isa. 50:4; Pr.

3:11)

III. Watch for yourself as Christian. (Mt. 24:42; Jas. 1:2-4)

- A. Lest ye enter into temptation. (Mt. 26:41; II Cor. 2:11)
 1. Escape. (I Cor. 10:13; Rev. 16:15)
 2. Endure. (II Tim. 4:5; Jas. 1:12)
- B. Lest ye ease up on your faith. (I Cor. 16:13; 9:27; I Tim. 6:12; I Pet. 1:6-7)
 1. Busy tending God's household. (Gal. 6:10)
 2. Busy tending your household. (I Tim. 5:8)