

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

5-20-18 Ken Carlton

Title: A JUDGEMENT READER

Main Text: Habakkuk 2:2-20

Aim: REVEAL FROM SCRIPTURE WHY TRUE BELIEVERS APPRECIATE THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD

Sermon Description: A 'reader' is a book written for instruction and practice in reading elsewhere on a particular subject. A sort of user manual for a topic of interest. In our case today, in summarizing and concluding our study of Nahum, we consider Habakkuk 2 as a reader for the judgments of God. In this passage, as God answers the complaints of the prophet, He provides reference points to posture the believing reader as he beholds the prospect of divine judgement. These days, much of the professing church seems averse to appreciating the judgements of God. They seem embarrassed by the "harsh", "unloving", "intolerance" of whole books of the Bible such as Nahum or Habakkuk. Andy Stanley – for one – preached recently that Christianity presents a radical break from the Old Testament and finds its grounding exclusively in the resurrection and we, therefore, can thankfully distance ourselves, from the judgmental terms of Old Covenant texts such as ours today. Approaches like this to the challenging passages of imprecatory prerogative fail to realize the Word of God itself provides us with a 'judgement reader'. The Lord Himself declares the sovereignly prescribed priorities that govern the affections of Biblically informed believers beholding the Day of the Lord...

Heading: ...BEHOLDING THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD, WE MUST KEEP IN MIND...

1. LIVING BY FAITH

- a. According to Habakkuk (2:2-5) b. According to Nahum (1:7-8) c. For all time (Rom 1:17,10:14-17)

2. ESCALATING GLORY

- a. According to Habakkuk (2:6-14) b. According to Nahum (2:1-2) c. For all time (Rev 7:1-12)

3. THE HOLINESS OF GOD (& THE SILENCE OF MEN)

- a. According to Habakkuk (2:18-20) b. According to Nahum (3:12-19) c. For all time (Rev 12:7-12)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Live by faith	Theme: For all time	Theme: Escalating Glory	Theme: For all time	Theme: Holiness	Theme: For all time
Verses: Nah 1:7-8, Hab 2:2-5	Verses: Rom 1:16-18	Verses: Nah 2:1-2, Hab 2:6-14	Verses: Rev 7:1-12	Verses: Nah 3:12-19, Hab 2:18-20	Verses: Rev 12:7-12

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencelake.com

NEXT WEEK: *Genesis One... (new series)*