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Silent

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ² And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; **make it plain on tablets**, so he may run who reads it. ³ For still the vision **awaits its appointed time**; it hastens to the end—**it will not lie**. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

HABAKKUK 2:1-4

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1. **EXTORTION**
[cf. Habakkuk 2:6-8]

2. **EXPLOITATION**
[cf. Habakkuk 2:9-11]

3. **CRUELTY**
[cf. Habakkuk 2:12-14]

4. **DEBAUCHERY**
[cf. Habakkuk 2:15-17]

5. **IDOLATRY**
[cf. Habakkuk 2:18-20]

Judah gets discipline, but
the Chaldeans gets wrath.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

— HEBREWS 12:3,5-6 —

Discipline is a vision for the future that enacts things today.

God disciplines those He loves

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

— HEBREWS 12:7-10 —

When you belong to Christ,
you sit under discipline, not wrath.

But the Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.

← HABAKKUK 2:20 →

² O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

— HABAKKUK 3:2,16-17 —

¹⁶ I hear, and **my body trembles**; my lips quiver at the sound; **rottenness enters into my bones**; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us. ¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet **I will rejoice** in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

— HABAKKUK 3:2,16-17 —

“I am overwhelmed with a sense of the goodness of God.”

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¹⁶ **Rejoice** always, ¹⁷ **pray** without ceasing, ¹⁸ **give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

— 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 —

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