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Understanding Habakkuk's Dilemma

When Judgment Comes...

Habakkuk began complaining that God's people continued with unrighteous acts, despite the revival that had occurred under Josiah (Hab. 1).

1. God's response: He will send the Babylonian army to discipline them.
2. Habakkuk's response: They are far more evil! How could You do that, God?
3. God patiently led Habakkuk to understand how His severe mercy is an act of His great love.
4. By the end of the book, Habakkuk is singing of the wisdom of God's ways (Hab. 3).

In Revelation 15:3-4, we see the saints singing of the wisdom of God's leadership and agreeing with His end-time judgments that were to be released in Revelation 16.

1. That is, the end of the process is the global unity of the Church delighting in God's ways and agreeing with His judgments, despite the horrible judgments to come in Revelation 16.
2. This shift in the Church is a model and an encouragement for the nations so that they may see the wisdom and love of God in what they are enduring.

Understanding the Judgement of God in this our day will be very important in how we see the leadership of God! Our human understanding is so based on the shallowness of our capacity to see the end from the beginning... Our limited ability to see beyond the surface constricted by our natural emotions makes us miss the mind of God. We see this example happening in Matthew 16:21-23. Note that it was just a few verses away when Peter received a revelation on who Jesus was?

"From then on Jesus began to clearly reveal to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer injustice from the elders, leading priests, and religious scholars. He also explained that he would be killed and three days later be raised to life again.

[Peter's emotion towards Jesus blurred his mind as to the purpose for which Jesus must go through suffering. We see human thinking is not the same as walking in the spiritual realm.]

Peter took him aside to correct him privately. He reprimanded Jesus over and over, saying to him, 'God forbid, Master! Spare yourself. You must never let this happen to you!'

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Jesus turned to Peter and said, 'Get out of my way, you Satan! You are a hindrance to me, because your thoughts are only filled with man's viewpoints and not with the ways of God.'" Matthew 16:21-23 TPT

Our natural way of thinking is a hindrance to the plan of God! This is Habakkuk's Dilemma. This is our dilemma too!

Prayer:

Father, help us to have the mind of Christ. Help us to be filled with Your wisdom, help us to walk in the Spirit so we may apprehend Your ways. Your ways are higher than our ways!