

*JUST DESSERTS*

Habakkuk 2:6-20

*Isa 5:20–21 - 20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness...21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight!*

*Jer 23:1 - Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD.*

*6 "Will not all of these take up a taunt-song against him, even mockery and insinuations against him..."*

## SECTION 1 – THE SIN OF GREED

*6...And say, 'Woe to him who increases what is not his-- for how long – and makes himself rich with loans?'*

*7 "Will not your creditors rise up suddenly, and those who collect from you awaken? Indeed, you will become plunder for them. 8 "Because you have looted many nations, all the remainder of the peoples will loot you – because of human bloodshed and violence done to the land, to the town and all its inhabitants.*

*Dan 5:28 - ...your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.*

## SECTION 2 – THE SIN OF INJUSTICE

*9 "Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house...*

*1 Sam 8:3 - His sons...turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice.*

*Prov 1:19 - So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; it takes away the life of its possessors.*

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*9... to put his nest on high, to be delivered from the hand of calamity! 10 "You have devised a shameful thing for your house by cutting off many peoples; so you are sinning against yourself. 11 "Surely the stone will cry out from the wall, And the rafter will answer it from the framework.*

*Jer 49:16 – “... Though you make your nest as high as an eagle's, I will bring you down from there,” declares the LORD.*

*Oba 1:4 - Though you build high like the eagle, Though you set your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,” declares the LORD.*



## SECTION 3 – THE SIN OF SELF-EXALTATION

*12 "Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed And  
founds a town with violence! 13 Is it not indeed from  
the LORD of hosts that peoples toil for fire, and  
nations grow weary for nothing? 14 "For the earth  
will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the  
LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

*Exo 40:34–35 - 34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*

*Psa 57:5 - Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory be above all the earth.*

*Isa 6:3 - ... The whole earth is full of His glory."*

*Num 14:21 - ... all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD.*

*Isa 11:9 - ... the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

## SECTION 4 – THE SIN OF SEDUCTION

*15 "Woe to you who make your neighbors drink, who mix in your venom even to make them drunk so as to look on their nakedness! 16 "You will be filled with disgrace rather than honor. Now you yourself drink and expose your own nakedness. The cup in the LORD'S right hand will come around to you, and utter disgrace will come upon your glory. 17 "For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and the devastation of its beasts by which you terrified them, because of human bloodshed and violence done to the land, to the town and all its inhabitants.*

## SECTION 5 – THE SIN OF IDOLATRY

*18 "What profit is the idol when its maker has carved it, or an image, a teacher of falsehood? For its maker trusts in his own handiwork when he fashions speechless idols.*

*Isa 44:9 - Those who fashion a graven image are all of them futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be put to shame.*

*19 "Woe to him who says to a piece of wood,  
'Awake!' To a mute stone, 'Arise!' And that is your  
teacher? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,  
and there is no breath at all inside it.*

*Exo 20:4 - You shall not make for yourself an **idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.*

*Lev 26:1 - You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God.*



*1 Kings 18:27 - ...Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened."*

*20 "But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him."*

*Psa 11:4 - The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.*

*Zeph 1:7 - Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near...*

*Psa 46:10 - Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*



*Josh 24:15 - ... choose for yourselves today whom you will serve... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

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*Gal 6:7 - Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*

**QUESTION #2 – What helps a believer fight against the sin of greed?**

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*Matt 6:30, 33 - 30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! ... 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*



**QUESTION #3 – How do we balance the thought of man's choices that produce many events in the world, and God's sovereignty?**

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*Matt 16 – I will build my church.*

**QUESTION #5 – Why must God judge sin?**

**QUESTION #6 – Is there idolatry today?**

*1 Cor 10:14 - Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

*Gal 5:19–21 - 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*Eph 5:5 - For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

*Col 3:5 - Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.*

*1 John 5:21 - Little children, guard yourselves from idols.*

**QUESTION #7 – What do people turn to for strength and security in life?**