

WOE TO THE WICKED—Part 2

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Habakkuk 2:5-20

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[15] “Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—
you pour out your wrath and make them drunk,
in order to gaze at their nakedness!

[16] You will have your fill of shame instead of glory.
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!

The cup in the LORD’s right hand
will come around to you,
and utter shame will come upon your glory!

[17] The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,
as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified
them,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.

[18] “What profit is an idol
when its maker has shaped it,
a metal image, a teacher of lies?

For its maker trusts in his own creation
when he makes speechless idols!

[19] Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!

Can this teach?
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.

[20] But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Main thought: We escape the judgement of God by heeding his call to love him above all things and love others as we love ourselves.

LOVE PEOPLE AND DON’T USE THEM (15-17)

God cares about how we treat other people.

Matthew 7:12—“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

James 1:26—If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless.

Psalm 75:8—For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

Luke 22:41–42—[41] And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, [42] saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

LOVE GOD AND DON’T WORSHIP IDOLS (18-20)

Idolatry is trusting in something or someone more than God.

God’s great indictment on idols here is because they can’t speak.

We derive our hope from the fact that God speaks to us!

God speaks all things into being.

- **Genesis 1:3**—And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

God speaks through his creation.

- **Psalm 19:1**—The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

God speaks through his word.

- **2 Timothy 3:16**—[16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

God, the Spirit, speaks directly to our spirit.

- **Romans 8:16**—The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...

God, the Son, Jesus Christ, speaks to us today as the greatest revelation of the one true God.

- **Hebrews 1:1-2**—[1] Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

“The human heart is a perpetual idol factory” —**John Calvin**

Matthew 11:28—Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.