

Scripture: Habakkuk 2:6-20

Five Woes on Babylon

- **Two are instructive to us.**
- **They point us to the Lord.**

Happy Fathers' Day!

One clear command- Fathers, do not provoke your children (Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21). This leads to anger and discontentment.

Being humiliated, taunted- we never forget.

Babylon humiliated and taunted the people they conquered.

Babylon will reap what they sow (Galatians 6:7-8).

The justice of God will not fail. The nations Babylon oppressed will one day taunt them (Habakkuk 2:6).

Judgment day will come!

Woe to the arrogant slave driver (2:12-14)

- Those who build (cities, businesses, families, etc.) by damaging other people.
- These *kingdoms* will not endure.
- One thing ensures- "The knowledge of the glory of God."
- What is the glory of God?

Woe to those who trust in idols (2:18-20)

- Man made substitutes for God
- We are all worshipers: something occupies the center of our stability and affections
- Idols will fail you
- We need a renewed vision of the greatness of God (2:20).

Discussion Questions:

1. Babylon was known for taunting and mocking her enemies (see 1:10). Now in 2:6, they are being taunted by those they subjugated. What does this tell us about the principle of reaping what you sow as taught in Galatians 6: 7-8?
2. The Babylonians built great cities using slaves who often died in the process (2:12). The application for us is that our own personal "kingdom building" can come at the expense of others in our lives who are deeply harmed and hurt. How can this happen in the church, marriage, and family life?
3. Discuss the answer to the question in the Westminster Catechism "What is the chief end of man?" The answer is "to glorify God and enjoy him forever."
4. Idols are anything in life that has taken the place of God. In your life- who or what can take the place of the Lord for your significance and security?
5. Discuss the implications of the holiness of God and why silence is an appropriate response in Habakkuk 2:20.