

Habakkuk

Trusting God
When You Don't Understand Him

Hab 2:1 “I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved.” NASB



Heb 2:1-3

“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”

Heb 5:11-13 “About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.”

Heb 4:2 “For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.”

Heb 3:18–19

“And to whom did He [God] swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.”

Luke 8:4-19



*Parable
of the
Sower*

LK 8:5 "some seed fell beside the road, and it was trampled underfoot and the birds of the air ate it up."

V12 interprets, "Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved."



V6 “Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.”

V13 interprets: “Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.”



V7 “Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.”

V14 interprets: “The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.”



V8 “Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.”

V15 interprets: “But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”



V9–10 “His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant. And He said, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’”

V18 "Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."



They Think They Have The Word!

V12, 1st soil: the devil snatches it away.

V13, 2nd soil: they have no root to sustain them in time of trial. Taken away!

V14, 3rd soil: the worries and riches and pleasures of life come. Taken away!

Consequences of having the word stolen!

- Fruit bearing V20 - John 17:17
- Discipleship - John 8:31
- Salvation - John 15

Satan's Strategies

Immediately steals the word!

- a) Inattention
- b) Ill-will
- c) Ignorance

Eventually steals the word!

- a) Shallow soil and persecution
- b) With prosperity

How do I learn to hear?

- Prepare your heart!
- Listen with all your might!
- Welcome it – Do not reject it!

V18 “Be careful how you hear”!