

Sabbath May 6th, 2023: Special Awareness Day for "Strengthening the Ministry through Social Networks"

JOINT SERMON

"THAT HE MAY RUN WHO READS IT"

Main Verse: Habakkuk 2: 1, 2

Introduction

The book of the prophet Daniel tells us about the rapid evolution and rush towards modern technology. " Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." However, Satan the perpetual imitator, constantly pushes people to use them against God's Plan.

It is no wonder that Jehovah said clearly before the flood, " My Spirit shall not strive with man forever " Gen. 6:3. And unfortunately, as it was during the days of Noah, so will it be in the days when the Son of Man comes. All forms of moral degradation will increase dramatically. Indeed, people will rush to evil.

It should be noted that Jehovah's concern is not with technology itself or with progress. Jehovah's concern in the last days is that "My spirit shall not abide in man forever."

The Book of Habakkuk, who was a prophet during the last moments of Israel's history, contains an urgent lesson and an appeal for God's children in the last days through these questions:

I – WHERE ARE YOU STANDING?

Habakkuk 2: 1 : "I WILL STAND MY WATCH!"

This response from Habakkuk reminds us of Isaiah's question, "Watchman, what of the night?" There are many questions intertwined in everyone's mind. Jesus said, "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth" The precipitations of life, of time, of hours, of days, of months and years, all of these cause confusions in the minds of people! See, what day of what month of the year are we now already today?

Are there still people standing at their posts? Are there still people standing on the rampart? Are we still standing on the rampart?

Habakkuk testifies to us that he has constantly stood his watch (at his post).

The term he uses here refers to the guards who keep watch and are always ready to give warning when an enemy approaches: on the RAMPART!

A rampart is of great height, it is imposing and is built for our protection. It is designed to resist attacks. But it is also where the guards are positioned.

I love this illustration. We know very well that Jesus is our rampart (fortress) and our strength. That is where we should stand. So, it is not me who is protecting Jesus through modern technology or human methods, but it is Jesus who is keeping me on guard. On my rampart, on Him who is my only wall of defense!

Do you understand? Human things are not meant to protect Jesus! I was not called to protect God on Facebook, or on any other link! I was not called to protect God, but I was called to stand before God. I was called to stand on my rampart! I will stand on JESUS WHO IS MY RAMPART OF PROTECTION!

Therefore, I will use every means of communication at my disposal to stand before Jesus!

II- WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

The second question is, "What are you waiting for?" When you take hold of all these communication devices in your hands, what do you expect? What does this device want to show you, and what is it going to talk to you about? What are you going to ask that device and what are you going to look for in it?

Habakkuk 2:1: "I WILL LOOK TO SEE WHAT HE WILL SAY TO ME!"

Habakkuk is indeed quite different: how many of us are like him? Always standing at his station on the rampart and waiting to hear what JEHOVAH will say!

When a person is standing on the rampart, when JEHOVAH Himself is his rampart, he is always waiting to converse with Jehovah, to hear what Jehovah will say!

III- WHAT DO YOU DO?

The last question is: What are we to do? Especially in light of all the communication technologies that exist today?"

Habakkuk 2:2: "WRITE!"

It is the Lord's own agenda that we write... Write... Write... all the prophets were given this word. However, all the prophets had been given the word that they were to write by Jehovah!

Dear young people, before we write on all our communication devices... where do the messages that we are going to transmit come from.

That is the reason why we must first stand on the rampart, that is the reason why we must always stand before Jehovah, to look for and hear what Jehovah wants to tell us!

The guards positioned on the rampart do not listen to their hearts, they do not act according to their feelings, but only according to what they see. And then they inform the people according to the procedures and arrangements that have been put in place.

The Bible says: "For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?" (1 Corinthians 14:8).

The trumpet is a communication tool, as well as a musical instrument. It was supposed to prepare people for war, it was supposed to warn of danger, but it was also used to call for a gathering, or to call for rejoicing.

But if it is used incorrectly or improperly, especially in times of war, destruction and defeat will ensue!

Write... but " Make it plain!" The statement is clear. The Lord earnestly desires that we proclaim the truth loud and clear, in a very plain manner! That we make the writings plain!

Jesus expects us to write plain, living writing, not dead or death-causing writing!

And we need to display writings that even people who are running can read. In the note below, he says that those who will read it will run.

Time is running out! The Lord is near!

- 1- Let us stand on the wall. "Let us always stand on Jesus!"
- 2- Let us use all modern devices to look for what Jesus says, to elevate our faith according to what the Bible says.
- 3- Let us use all communication devices to propagate the truth according to the organization set up in our church.

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