

Sermon Outline

Can You Hear Me Now?

A Word to the Shallow Heart

July 11, 2010

Habakkuk

A shallow heart is one who limits God to their own wants, hopes, abilities and strengths, and expectations; remaining unwilling to accept that God just doesn't do things the way we'd expect.

The Symptom

What most often gets our attention is a _____, like an unmet expectation or glaring _____. Usually, we just want God to treat the symptom, not the _____.

The Problem

God's priority is to deal with the _____. Our priority is to eliminate the symptom and stay _____. We will miss God's voice if we are listening for the wrong thing or too eager to _____.

The Diagnosis

A shallow heart will not hear God because it does not _____ him or _____ him; to trust and obey costs more than they are _____ to pay.

Like the shallow soil in Jesus' parable, a shallow heart wilts at the first sign of unmet expectations or trial and difficulty. A shallow heart cannot bear fruit for the kingdom because it has not the strength to persevere in order to hear God and certainly not to obey him. The shallow heart must decide before difficulty comes to trust God and obey him even when it seems easier to give up.

Themes in Habakkuk:

- It is a timeless truth that God hates sin and is unwilling to compromise with it.
- No matter what our circumstances may be, we can still trust the Lord and praise his holy name
- A life lived by faith will also be a life full of God's joy
- We can talk to God about anything...even our doubts and fears
- If we get to know our Creator better, we will better understand his plans for creation

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Can You Hear Me Now? Good. Mark 1:21-39
Groundwork for Revival: Wounds from a Friend Jeremiah 1-3