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"Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!" (Nahum 1:15)

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Give Me Patience--

Now! by John Keith

As the world rushes onward and time grows long, patience seems to be running short. In an age when we have virtually any information that we desire at the tips of our fingers we gradually find ourselves unwilling to wait for anything—even God. We are not the first generation to experience this kind of impatience as we learn when reading from the prophet, Habakkuk. Habakkuk lived and prophesied just prior to the Babylonian invasion of Judah (605 BC) and his message was one of gloom and doom for God’s sinful children. Then, as now, the faithful ask, “How much more sin and decadence will God permit?”

In chapter one, the prophet has a dialogue with God in which he asks:

O LORD, how long shall I cry, And
You will not hear? Even cry out to You,
"Violence!" And You will not save.
Why do You show me iniquity, And
cause me to see trouble? For
plundering and violence are before
me; There is strife, and contention
arises. Therefore the law is powerless,
And justice never goes forth. For the
wicked surround the righteous;
Therefore perverse judgment proceeds
(Hab. 1:2-4).

God responds,

Look among the nations and watch—
Be utterly astounded! For I will work a
work in your days Which you would
not believe, though it were told you.
For indeed I am raising up the
Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation

Which marches through the breadth
of the earth, To possess dwelling
places that are not theirs. They are
terrible and dreadful; Their judgment
and their dignity proceed from
themselves (Hab. 1:5-7).

Habakkuk then asks God how He can
watch His own people receive such
punishment and hardship at the hands of
the Babylonians (Chaldeans) who are more
sinful and wicked than Judah. When he
finishes the protracted question, the
prophet says, “I will stand my watch
And set myself on the rampart, And watch
to see what He will say to me, And what I
will answer when I am corrected” (Hab.
2:1). God responds,

Write the vision And make it plain on
tablets, That he may read who reads it.
For the vision is yet for an appointed
time; But at the end it will speak, and
it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait
for it; Because it will surely come, It
will not tarry. Behold the proud, His
soul is not upright in him; But the just
shall live by his faith (Hab. 2:2-4).

“The just shall live by faith” is quoted
three times by New Testament writers
(Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:37-38) and
aptly expresses a truth that is as relevant
today as when the inspired penman wrote
it nearly three millennia ago. Habakkuk
simply needed to wait for God to carry out
His promise, but this was a difficult thing
for him to do. When man finally realizes he
is not in total control, but God is, he feels
powerless and anticipation can madden
him if he lets it. It boils down to whether
we truly trust in God.

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2026 Lectureship Preview

This October 25-29, if the Lord wills, the West Virginia School of Preaching will host the 32nd Annual Victory Lectureship. The announced theme will be

BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE TRUTH—

1 John 2:21

Studies in the Epistles of John and Jude

For the last several years, the lectureship committee has chosen to have expository studies of sections of the Bible, alternating year-by-year between Old Testament and New Testament texts. This year, these short epistles will be explored in their depth and richness.

Ever-relevant, uplifting themes of love, light, and joy pervade these books. They focus on faith being bound up together with knowledge. They inform the readers of the glorious Christ as our Advocate and the many anti-Christians who denied Jesus came in the flesh. Harsh words are aimed at false teachers. Comfort is given to those who diligently “walk in the light” (1 John 1:7).



This year’s lectureship book is dedicated to **Skip & Helen Andrews**. Skip and Helen have been a servant team well-known to this area for well over five-decades. Skip served as the located preacher in Elkins, WV before moving for a time to Georgia, then Tennessee, then moving back to the Mountain State in later years, locating to Sistersville, West Virginia. Helen has been his ever-present help in the labors of the Lord, serving tirelessly in her own right.

Their precious sweetness and down-to-earth humor have endeared them to brethren in many states. All this would be for naught, though, if it were not for their doctrinal soundness. Skip and Helen are some of the most diligent and humble students of the word that can ever be encountered. One of Skip’s favorite sayings is, “It’s all about God.” They seek God’s will contritely, then commit themselves to keeping and teaching it.

The lectureship dinner will be held in their honor on Tuesday of that week, October 27, at 4:30 p.m. We hope you can join us to honor them.

We’ll need an RSVP as we get closer (304-845-8001).

Mark your calendars to take your vacation and be here for this wonderful event!

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If we believe the Bible, and there is no reason to not, we will notice that not one of God's promises has ever failed. Why should we think differently about the ones yet to be fulfilled? We should not! Peter wrote plainly that in the Christian age, scoffers would come asking, "Where is the promise of His coming" (2 Pet. 3:3-4)? Our brother, Peter, answered them, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance"(2 Pet. 3:9).

The end draws closer each second we live and the day of our death is but a step away. Because this is true, we would do well to heed the message of God to Habakkuk: "Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come" (Hab. 2:3).

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