

By this my Father is glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and  
so prove to be my disciples.

**John 15:8**

## Store In My Heart

### Habakkuk 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.

Habakkuk was written  
between the fall of the  
Assyrians and the rise of the  
Babylonians. The concern of  
Habakkuk was why God would  
let wicked nations grow to  
wealth and power so He could  
use them to punish other, more  
righteous nations.

We often have similar  
questions about God's work.  
Why do the wicked prosper and  
the righteous suffer harm? The  
answer given to Habakkuk is  
also our answer today. "The  
righteous shall live by his faith."  
Or "the one who by faith is  
righteous will live." It is not our  
place to know the mind and  
ways of God. We must, just like  
Habakkuk, stand firm at our  
post and wait upon God.



## “But...”

**Jim R. Everett**

There is one little word in our English language that has the power to disannul every acknowledgement of truth and seemingly noble intention – that word is “but.” When someone says, “I know I ought to, but...” Immediately you know that what follows the “but” becomes a process of explaining why a particular truth does not apply to them – by the “but” they deny their responsibility.

“I know I ought to obey the gospel, but...” The truth is that God has provided a means of salvation through Jesus Christ and there are conditions in the simple gospel of Christ (**Romans 1:16-17; Mark 16:15-16**). Salvation from sins is dependent upon man’s acceptance of Jesus as his savior and obeying what the gospel requires. *“Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth...”* (**1Peter 1:22**). The Hebrew writer said of Jesus, *“Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered, being then made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey him,”* (**Hebrews 5:8-9**). If you do these things, then God washes away your sins through the blood of Christ (**Acts 22:16**).

“I know I ought to, but...”, so the disciple says. The excuses flow as rushing waters down the mountainside. That which follows “but” runs the gambit from, “I’ve got a hangnail on my pinky” (a very serious illness) to once-in-a-lifetime special events. “It’s ok to miss worshipping God for special events, as long as I don’t do it all the time” (?).

James says that man is inconsistent and acts contrary to what is natural when he, from the same source, speaks evil and good – *“Doth the fountain send forth from the same*

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## For Our Information

JoBeth Henderson has an appointment Wednesday morning to check her leg.

Brenda Keisler has an MRI appointment regarding managing her pains.

Jimmy Gray has knee surgery at the end of October.

John Ragsdale is doing ok regarding his cellulitis.

Joyce Venable is doing a bit better.

Tonight we start in 1Samuel 25:2.

Wednesday at 7 pm in Ephesians 4:8.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

*opening sweet water and bitter?" (James 3:11).* It is just as inconsistent to acknowledge what is truth, then deny its applicability to self.

Why is it that people who know less than I do, are sicker than I am, and have more to do than I do, can serve the Lord, but I cannot? I should not say, "I know I ought to, but..." Rather, I should say, "I know I ought to and I will be lost, if I do not." Now what are you going to do about it?

# In His Time

## Shawn Smith

We sing a song entitled, "In His Time" in which the first stanza reads, "In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful, in His time. Lord, please show me every day, as You're teaching me Your way, that You do just what You say, in Your Time." While God is the Creator of time and not limited by it as we know it (**2Peter 3:3-10**), He has worked out His plan of salvation for us through time and history to bring Christ to us and us to Christ. Paul writes, "*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ*" (**Galatians 4:4-7**).

Paul also writes, "*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (**2Corinthians 6:2b**). Millions of people believe now is not the time for Christ, but that He is still waiting to receive His kingdom. This is not so! True Christians have been, "*conveyed into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins*" (**Colossians 1:13-14**). If the apostle John was, "*in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ*" in the first century (**Revelation 1:9**), then so are Christians today! Truly, we are, "In His Time!"

(Since we live in God's time we should be impressed with the need to do His work without excuses to satisfy self. DLH)

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

