

# ***WHERE IS GOD?***

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK



**“Scripture Recording”**

**HABAKKUK 2:2-5**

“Where reason cannot  
wade, there faith  
must swim.”



**Thomas Watson**

## **KEY POINT:**

When in doubt, focus on the Who  
and not just the Why.

I. Because His truth is clear (vs. 2)

“All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded, and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.”

**Westminster Confession of Faith 1.7**

1. Not everything in Scripture is as clear as everything else.
2. We can always find a clearer passage to teach a confusing truth in another passage.
3. The Gospel will be clear.
4. Even if we don't understand everything, we can understand enough for life and godliness (II Peter 1:3).

## **What We Learn from this Definition of Clarity**

***11** For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.  
12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.*

## **Deuteronomy 30:11-14**



*<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.*

*<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

*<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being  
rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.*

**Psalm 36:7-9**

1. Uneducated (James 2:5-6)
2. Children (Ephesians 6:1-3)
3. Normal people in the church (e.g., Pauline Epistles)
4. Gentiles (Acts 13:46)

**Who is Scripture for?**

“The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture is not a wild assertion that the meaning of every verse in the Bible will be patently obvious to everyone. Rather, the perspicuity of Scripture upholds the notion that ordinary people using ordinary means can accurately...



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“...understand enough of what must be known, believed, and observed for them to be faithful Christians.”



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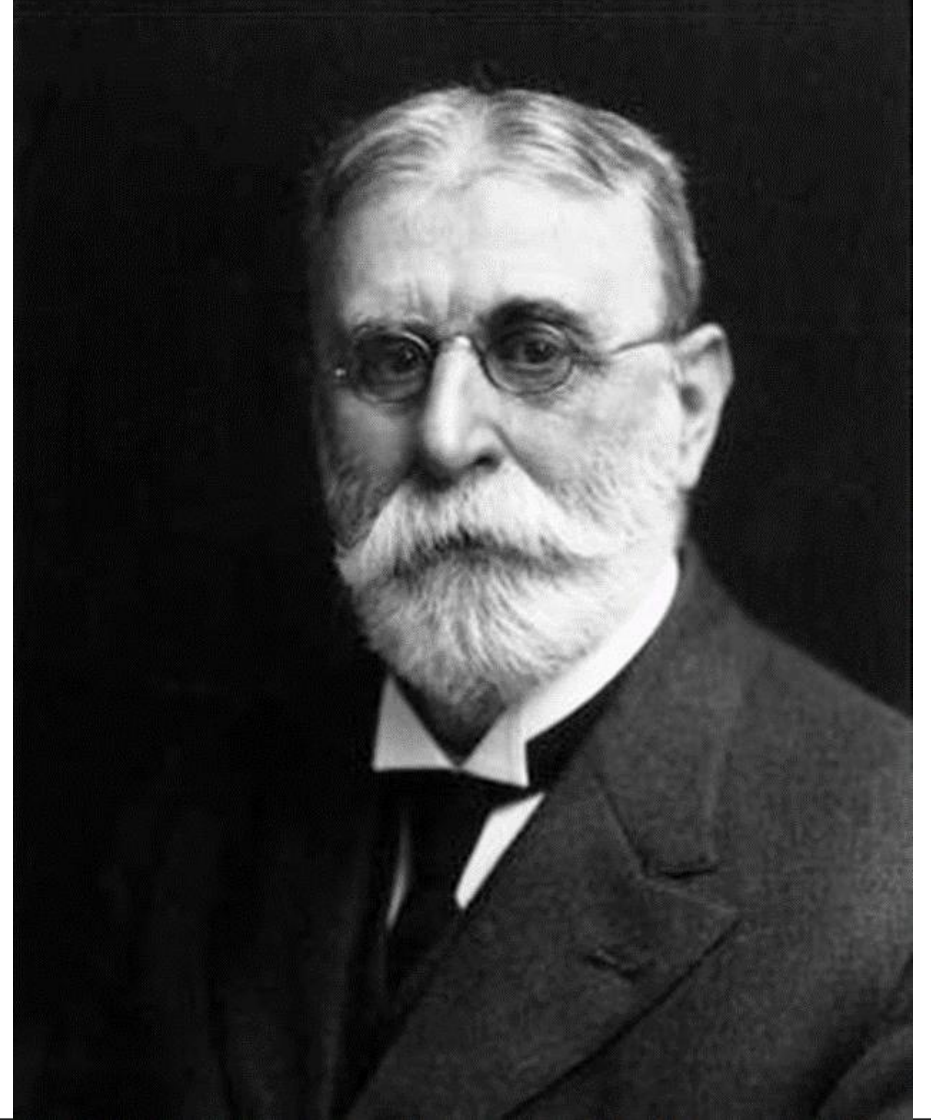
I. Because His truth is clear (vs. 2)

II. Because His truth is certain (vs. 3)

*For, yet a little while,  
and the coming one will come and will not delay;*

**Hebrews 10:37**

“The trustworthiness of the Scriptures lies at the foundation of trust in the Christian system of doctrine, and is therefore fundamental to the Christian hope and life.”



**B.B. Warfield**

1. God is a God of truth (John 14:6).
2. God contrasts the lying, deceitful idols that surround us (Psalm 115:5-7).
3. God is called the true God (Jeremiah 10:9-10).
4. God does not lie (Numbers 23:19)
5. God does not err (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**God's Word Is True**



*Every word of God proves true;  
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*

**Proverbs 30:5**

I. Because His truth is clear (vs. 2)

II. Because His truth is certain (vs. 3)

III. Because His truth condemns (vs. 4-5)

- a. Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38
- b. Those trusting God are those living by faith.

***“The Righteous Shall Live  
by His Faith”***

*Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,  
and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.*

**Proverbs 20:1**

*20 Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, 21 for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.*

**Proverbs 23:20-21**

*29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife?  
Who has complaining? Who has wounds without  
cause? Who has redness of eyes? 30 Those who tarry  
long over wine; those who go to try mixed wine. 31 Do  
not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the  
cup and goes down smoothly. 32 In the end it bites like  
a serpent and stings like an adder. 33 Your eyes will  
see strange things, and your heart utter perverse  
things. 34 You will be like one who lies down...*

## **Proverbs 23:29-35**

*...in the midst of the sea, like one who lies on the top of a mast. <sup>35</sup> “They struck me,” you will say, “but I was not hurt; they beat me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake? I must have another drink.”*

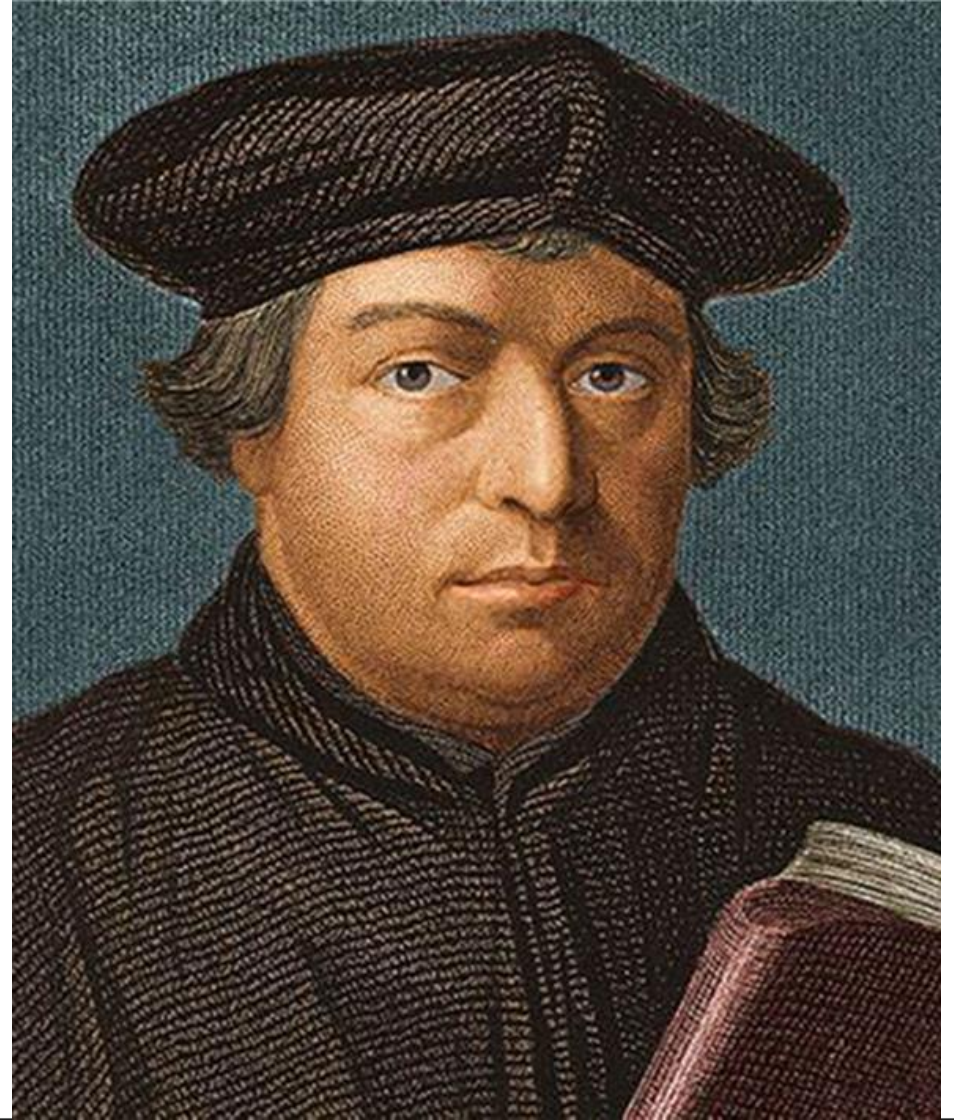
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**“Are You a Butterfly, Botanist, or Bee?”**



“In truth you cannot read too much in Scriptures; and what you read you cannot read too carefully, and what you read carefully you cannot understand too well, and what you understand well you cannot teach too well, and what you teach well you cannot live too well.”



**Martin Luther**