



HOW TO LOOK UP

WHEN THINGS ARE LOOKING DOWN
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Part 3: "Looking Up ... While On-Hold!"

Text: Habakkuk 3:17-19; Selected Scriptures

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NLT)

"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vine; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, [18] yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. [19] The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He will make me as surefooted as a deer and bring me safely over the mountains." (For the choir director: This prayer is to be accompanied by stringed instruments.)

Habakkuk 2:2-4 (NLT)

"Then the Lord said to me, 'Write my answer in large, clear letters on a tablet, so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else. [3] But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. [4] Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked; but the righteous will live by their faith.'"

[1] "On-Hold" Time Is ... " _____-Time!"

Habakkuk 2:3 (NLT)

*"...These things I plan **won't happen right away**. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed."*

[2] "On Hold" Time Is ... " _____-Time!"

Habakkuk 2:3 (NLT)

*"...If it (the fulfillment of the vision) seems slow, **wait patiently**, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed."*

Psalm 105:16-19 (NLT)

*"God called for a famine on the land of Canaan, cutting off its food supply. [17] Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them— Joseph, who was sold as a slave. [18] There in prison, they bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. [19] Until the time came to fulfill his word, the Lord **tested (forged) Joseph's character**."*

[3] "On Hold" Time Is ... " _____-Time!"

Habakkuk 2:4 (NLT)

*"Look at the proud! They **trust in themselves**, and their lives are crooked; But the **righteous will live by their faith**."*

Personal Application –

- When my life and dreams seem to be “on-hold” I need to _____ by remembering that delays are not an exception in life ... God has appointed times that He controls!

- When my life and dreams seem to be “on-hold” I need to _____ as an apprentice in God’s will and ways ... by obeying as fully and completely as I can!

- When my life and dreams seem to be “on-hold” I need to _____ on the only one who has the power and ability to complete my life ... and the purpose for which I was created!