

Lets look at verse 12 , " Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and O might God, thou hast established them for correction. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?" And then he goes on and describes the wickedness of the Chaldeans 1 He says in verse 17 "Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the ~~ea~~ nations?" Are you going to let the Chaldeans get the upper hand over the Israelites when they are so much worse than the Israelites. What is the answer? ~~And~~ then in ^{the} chapter he declares he must get the answer. He says "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what I shall answer when I am reproved." In other words, when I go out and declare God's punishment upon sin and tell them that God is going to bring the Chaldeans, another people ~~and~~ say to me, What a foolish thing to say , that those wicked Chaldeans are going to destroy us righteous Israelites, what a wicked thing to say. What am I going to answer? I'm going to answer what answers God will give me to this problem. and when we have big problems in life God will-wants us to use our brains to think them through and do the best we can but He wants us to bring every problem to His Word and to Look to the scripture to see what the answer is to the problem. And He wants us to look to Him for the answer to the vital problems of life and so Habakkuk gives is going to watch and see what the Lord is going to give him for an answer that will satisfy His heart and enable him to satisfy the hearts of others . We have the Lord's answer in the next three verses and you know that there are not many books in the O.T. that have a verse that is quoted in three different books of the N.T., but that is true of this little book of Habakkuk. This answer that God gives is quoted in three different books of the N.T. What is the ~~an~~ answer: