

Habakkuk 4

In the midst of a period of particularly trying exams in seminary, the professor came down to the reading room and said, "Attention! I have an announcement to make! I know that you are all struggling with your exams and term papers. I have something that will be of extreme benefit to you in your hour of need. Habakkuk 4!" And then he left.

And of course we all looked up Habakkuk 4.

I suggest you look it up for yourself.

Notice how difficult it is to find Habakkuk, let alone Habakkuk 4. There are some nooks and crannies of Scripture into which we never venture. I would say, "Thank God for the lectionary!", but even the lectionary does not reference Habakkuk 4. Not anywhere in the three-year cycle. What a terrible oversight.

Habakkuk 4, as you can see, contains some of the most enlightening passages of the Old Testament, in fact of the entire bible. More wisdom than Proverbs. More singing than Psalms. More love than the Song of Solomon.

It is the answer to prayer. It is the epitome of our inarticulate groaning.

It might be just what we need right now. Just what we need to be doing.

You have the Golden Rule. You have the Great Commandment. And for those other times when nothing else will do, you have Habakkuk 4.

Nothing is more helpful than Habakkuk 4. Nothing.

Nothing can be enjoyed more than Habakkuk 4, on such a glorious spring day.

So enjoy it. With my compliments.

You're welcome.