

"Influencing the 7 Mountains"

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(NOTE: Habakkuk prophesied to Judah, the southern Kingdom of Israel. Babylon had conquered Assyria. Judah was their next target. Because of Judah's rebellion against God, they were about to experience a Babylonian takeover. Yet, here in chapter 2, the LORD gives His people a HOPE-FILLED PERSPECTIVE and a WAKE-UP CALL TO THEIR DIVINE DESTINY.)

(Habakkuk 2:1)- In a time of upheaval—Look up!

(v. 14)- See present dilemmas—in light of God's ultimate purpose!

(v. 20)- In an atmosphere of fearful opinions—listen for His voice!

CORE- In a similar way, God has been giving a present-day word to His people
RE: His purpose for us. A "wake-up call to our divine destiny"!

NOTE: Loren Cunningham (YWAM) began hearing it in 1975. Bill Bright (Campus Crusade for Christ) heard it too. In subsequent years, increasing insight has come to this word *Re:* influencing the "7 Mountains" (streams, spheres, gates) of culture.

- Whatever HS is saying—He usually is saying to more than one person.
- **(CORE)- The parameters of our Kingdom assignment to influence extend beyond our "church culture"—into all the culture centers of society!**

Some important considerations:

1. INFLUENCE is not DOMINANCE

- Godly influence does not take away free will.
- We are **not** called to force God's will upon people (*i.e., Pharisees, the Crusades, Constantine*).
- Rather, INFLUENCE **exposes** people to God's heart & **increases** their access to His Kingdom.

2. INFLUENCE AWAKENS

- One of the words used to describe "awakening" is "**renaissance**"—*a revival/rebirth resulting in a transformed culture.*
- **THE Renaissance** (*began in Europe in 14th century, continuing through the 17th century—yet still impacting culture today*) was **HUMANISTIC**—**placing humans (rather than God) at the center of everything.**
- Much like the descriptions of Israel in Judges 17:6-("*right in their own eyes*")—it was among the worst moments of human history.
- **HUMANISM** is as old as Eden. It works like this:

- Fueled by a **LIE about God** (“*Did God say?*”)
- Followed by **LIFELESS & LOVELESS RELIGION**
- People then **reject this DISTORTED VIEW OF GOD**, placing **THEMSELVES** at the **CENTER OF THEIR WORLDS**.

3. We are being POISED to PARTICIPATE in a REVIVAL RENAISSANCE

- Peter called it “**the time for God to restore everything—as He promised long ago through His holy prophets.**” (Acts 3:21)
- Habakkuk prophesied long ago: “**The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.**” (Habakkuk 2:14)

“**Glory**”- *to make obvious; tangible; Lit.- “weighty”*

*“Simply put—the **invisible** God will be made **visible** thru the lives of His ambassador kids—in every facet of society.”-Johnny Enloe*

4. The 7 mountains are REFLECTIONS OF HIS HEART (*His Glory*)

THERE IS A...	BECAUSE HE IS A...
Spiritual Mt.	God who saves & restores
Government Mt.	God who reigns in justice & mercy
Arts & Media Mt.	God who expresses & communicates
Family Mt.	“Everlasting Father” (Isa. 9:6); who also “Mothers” us (66:13)
Science/Technology Mt.	God who creates & brings order
Economic Mt.	God who provides (& calls us to steward)
Education Mt.	God who instructs (“puts structure in”), a Wonderful Counselor leading us into all truth

Psalm 46:1- He is “ever-present” (Lit.- “overwhelmingly evident”)

Here’s a sample of what “the knowledge of His glory” looks like:

- **Government is wise & ethical**
- **Education increases perceptive & discerning students**
- **Families release powerfully productive children into society**
- **The arts joyfully celebrate life**
- **The economy experiences supernatural provision**
- **The church flows in power & love, making His presence real**

1- The world will see His awesomeness—standing in awe as He is expressed through ordinary people.

2- He is currently known as distant, invisible, and uninvolved—because that’s how His people have been.

3- INFLUENCE comes by walking through doorways of OPPORTUNITY & RISK. (What you're most afraid of → you'll be most fulfilled in!!!)