

# NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE 2019

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## THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“We Do Hereby Solemnly Swear...”**

**An End of The Year Reminder That The Lord is Our Strength  
And A Renewed Hope of His Return**

## The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

### **Habakkuk 2:1-3 NLT**

**I will** climb up to my watchtower and stand at my watch station. There **I will wait to see what the LORD says** and how He will answer my complaint. :2

Then the LORD said to me, *“Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. 3 This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.*

### **Oath’s, Vow’s, Pledge’s and Promises;**

By nature they put a sense of fear in us and so they should.

### **The Genius at Wikipedia...**

“In law, when an oath or vow is refused to be given by a witness, an affirmation is offered as a solemn declaration allowed to those who conscientiously object to taking an **oath**. An affirmation has exactly the same legal effect **as an oath** but is usually taken to avoid ***the religious implications of an oath***;

### **In Antiquity:**

Throughout the History of Man, there are recorded moments and events (1) when a lone individual (**Abraham**) *stood and looked up to the heavens and vowed a vow to God.* (2) There are accounts when a king like (**Solomon**) *would cry out to God. Pledging himself to honor the Throne.* (3) There are almost countless times recorded in the Old Testament when the Bible says ***“Tomorrow all Israel will see the power of God for the LORD your God is going before you to fight for you – now therefore sanctify yourselves to God.”***

## In Modern Times:

In our **courtrooms** today, a witness “**swears an oath**” by placing their hand on the Bible, saying “*I swear that the evidence that I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.*”

*“I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the **Office of President of the United States.**”*

And in the supernatural **institution of marriage**, “*I Promise to love, honor and cherish you all the days of my life...*”

## Making a “Devotion” of our lives tonight to God.

Noah Webster Defines “**Resolution**” as; The formal determination of any corporate body, and or of any association of individuals; as the resolutions of a town or other meeting conclude. To decide to act upon or to implement. To resolve, determine, conclude, agree. To make resolute. To rest in the outcome.

### Noah Webster Defines “**Devotion**” as:

The state of being dedicated, consecrated, or solemnly set apart for a particular purpose. A solemn attention given to the Supreme Being in worship; a yielding of the heart and affections to God, with reverence, faith and piety, in religious duties, particularly in prayer and meditation; devoutness. External worship; acts of religion; performance of religious duties. “As I passed by and beheld your devotions.” Acts 17:23. Prayer to the Supreme Being. A Christian will be regular in his morning and evening devotions.

## Devotion

Is what we “**will to**” decide. We “**will to**” pledge, “**will to**” oath, “**will to**” vow, we “**will to**” swear, we “**will to**” promise.

## The Times of Habakkuk in 607 B.C.

Chapter 1 lets us in on those days. It was a time when the nation was seemingly coming apart at the seams. Violence and corruption were commonplace. The King of Judah was making evil decrees and people refused to honor their word.

## The Meaning and Theme to the Book of Habakkuk:

Is God’s argument that even though He is holy and perfect - - He will remove His hand from any nation that disobeys Him, thus allowing evil to fill the void.

## WE DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR...

### 1.) I “will” - to make God honoring choices

The Choices We Make Set The Future In Motion For Generations

#### Verse 1a

##### Habakkuk 2:1a NLT

I **will** climb up to my watchtower and stand at my watch station.

##### Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; :2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. :3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

## WE DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR...

### 2.) I “will” - to be a witness to my world

The Witness We Create Will Be Our Return In The Day Of Judgement

#### Verse 1b

##### Habakkuk 2:1b NLT

There I **will** wait to see what the LORD says and how He will answer my complaint.

##### 1 Peter 2:15

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

## WE DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR...

### 3.) I “will” - to yield to the will of God

#### Verse 2

##### Habakkuk 2:2 NLT

:2 Then the LORD said to me, “Write ***My answer plainly*** on tablets, ***so that*** a runner can carry the correct message to others.

# The Plan We Follow, Is It Our Plan Or Is It His Plan?

**“Write My answer plainly**  
*on tablets, (It’s easy to understand & unchangeable) so that a runner*  
*can carry (the commissioning of the Gospel and biblical doctrine) the*  
**correct message to others.**

## **WE DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR...**

**4.) I “will” – to be prophetic with my life**

*Verse 3a*

**Habakkuk 2:3a NLT**  
**3a** *This vision is for a future time*

I believe that the scriptures teach  
that God has a vision (purpose) for:  
The world. The nations. The community. The family. The couple. The person.

## **WE DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR...**

**5.) I “will” - to look ahead to His fulfillment**

*Verse 3b*

**Habakkuk 2:3b NLT**  
*It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled*

**Me and Movie Endings. They don’t go well together.**

We have the Certainty of God’s promises in all areas of life.

## **WE DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR...**

**6.) I “will” - to be encouraged by the day(s)**

Verse 3c

**Habakkuk 2:3c NLT**

*If it seems slow in coming, **wait patiently,***

What *is* Slow in Coming in Your Life?

A Hope? A Promise? A Scripture? A Ministry? A Finishing?

**WE DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR...**

**7.) I “will” - to trust God with my life**

Verse 3d

**Habakkuk 2:3d NLT**

*for it will surely take place. It will **not be delayed.***

Standing with our Hands Raised High

**A Great Commissioning Into 2020**

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