

A Pentagon of Put-Downs

(Habakkuk 2:6-20)

Introduction:

“Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely” (Lord Acton, 1887). Here’s another deadly potion when unbridled power and sinful pride mix. It smells corruption! It shows in our treatment of our fellowmen and God Himself! The LORD exposes it for what it is and doesn’t mince words to show His utter disgust. The guilty will be punished indeed (1:11).

I. _____ PILLAGERS (6-8)

“Woe to him who piles up stolen goods...” (v.6)

II. Unjust _____ (9-11)

“Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain...” (v.9)

III. _____ PLUNDERERS (12-14)

“Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed...” (v.12)

IV. Toxic _____ (15-17)

“Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors...” (v.15)

V. _____ PRODUCERS (18-20)

“Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’...” (v.19)

Conclusion: