

“The Circle Maker” author changed verse in Habakkuk

Where is the Fear of the Lord? Maybe there is an explanation for this, but it appears heretical. We do not change His words. Period.

The writing below is taken from the “Beginning and End” website. The article is “*The Circle Maker Heresy–Witchcraft In The Church*” and I encourage you to read the entire article. You can see the article in a pdf file on this webpage.

■Here is Batterson once again citing Honi as the model for prayer in a Christian’s life:

“I’m sure Honi the circle maker prayed in a lot of different ways at a lot of different times. He had a wide variety of prayer postures. But when he needed to pray through, he drew a circle and dropped to his knees. His inspiration for the prayer circle was Habakkuk. He simply did what the prophet Habakkuk had done: **“I will stand upon my watch, and station me within a circle.”** (Mark Batterson, *The Circle Maker*, p. 157) [bold mine]

Once again, it is Honi that is the basis for this book (not Joshua at Jehrico, which was just one example in the book). And Batterson now goes into the mind of Honi to explain his inspiration (where he obtained this information is unknown). And he quotes Habakkuk 2:1 (with no verse citation) to try and support his speculation about what inspired Honi. Here is Habbukuk 2:1 from the King James Version:

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. – Habakkuk 2:1.

Notice the problem here? The verse **does not say “circle.”** The Hebrew word for tower, matsowr, means a rampart, watch tower or defensive entrenchment. Even in the NIV, the most popular modern version, the verse reads “rampart.” A simple search of all the modern Bible versions will show that **none of them** used the phrase “station me within a circle.” Yet Batterson **added that to The Word of God**, just to promote the fable of Honi and the circle-making ritual, which have no connection to the Bible

whatsoever. Even if Honi was inspired by this verse from Habakkuk, why does it matter for a believer? Honi was not a prophet of God. So again, Batterson's teachings are going to man-made ideas and not God-breathed, divinely inspired Scripture. This is heresy and the Bible says this of preachers who teach in this fashion:

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.” – Romans 16:17.