

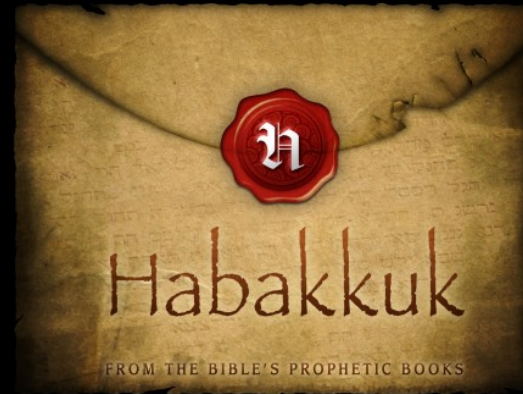
HABAKKUK

Living by Faith in Troubled Times

The sovereign Lord is my source of strength Hab. 3:19



Habakkuk written -625 BC



Babylon 1st attack 605BC - Daniel carried away



Chapter 1 vs. 17

Will you let them get away with this forever ?

Will they succeed forever in their heartless conquests?



Chapter 2:4,5

"Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God. ⁵ Wealth is treacherous, and the arrogant are never at rest. They open their mouths as wide as the grave, and like death, they are never satisfied. In their greed they have gathered up many nations and swallowed many peoples.



Because you have plundered many nations, now all the survivors will plunder you. You committed murder throughout the countryside and filled the towns with violence.⁹ "What sorrow awaits you who build big houses with money gained dishonestly! You believe your wealth will buy security, putting your family's nest beyond the reach of danger.¹⁰ But by the murders you committed, you have shamed your name and forfeited your lives.



...¹³ Has not the Lord of Heaven's Armies promised that the wealth of nations will turn to ashes? They work so hard, but all in vain! ¹⁴ For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the Lord. ¹⁵ "What sorrow awaits you who make your neighbors drunk! You force your cup on them so you can gloat over their shameful nakedness.



¹⁶ But soon it will be your turn to be disgraced. Come, drink and be exposed! Drink from the cup of the Lord's judgment, and all your glory will be turned to shame.¹⁷ You cut down the forests of Lebanon. Now you will be cut down. You destroyed the wild animals, so now their terror will be yours. You committed murder throughout the countryside and filled the towns with violence.



18 "What good is an idol carved by man, or a cast image that deceives you? How foolish to trust in your own creation—a god that can't even talk! ...²⁰ But the Lord is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him."



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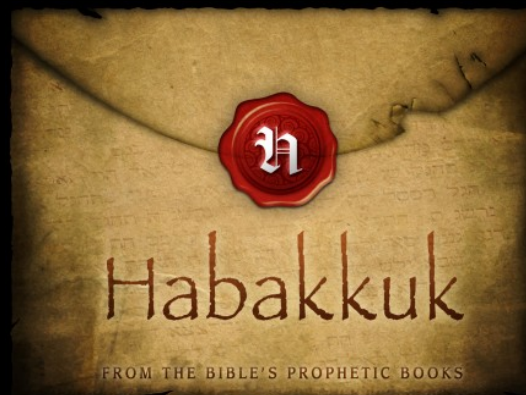


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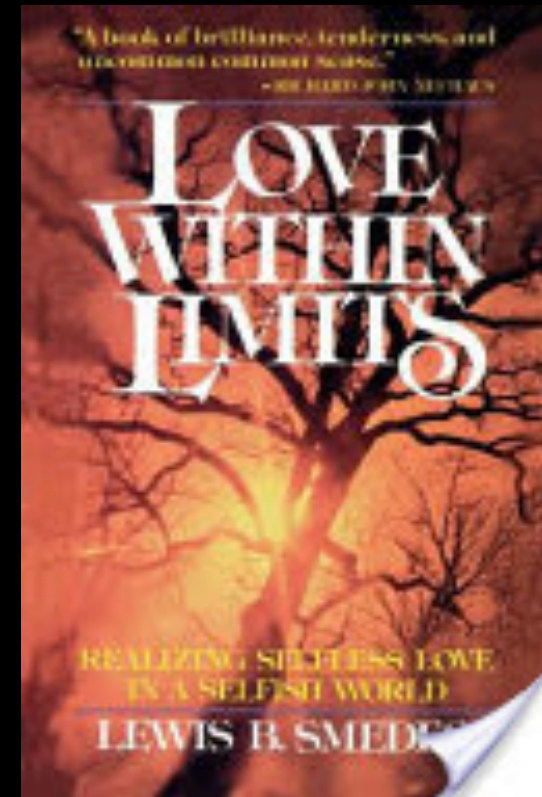




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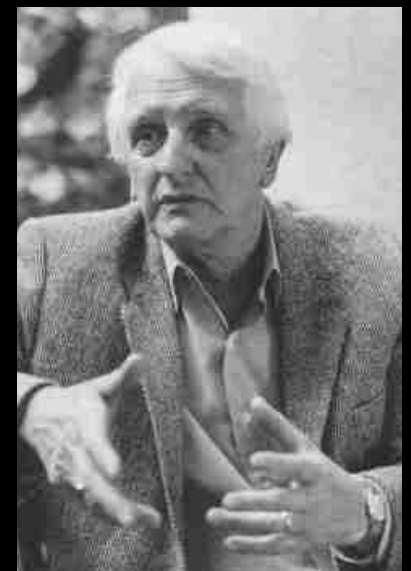
Love Within Limits:
Realizing Selfless
Love in a Selfish World



"Pride in the religious sense is an arrogant refusal to let God be God. It is to grab God's status for one's self. Pride is turning down God's invitation to join the dance of life as a creature in his garden and wishing instead to be the Creator, independent, reliant on one's own resources.



"Pride is the grand illusion, ...The fantasy that we can make it as little gods leaves us empty at the center...So we learn to swagger, to bluff. We force other people to act as buttresses for the shaky ego that pride created by emptying our soul **of** God...As he encounters new people, he wonders, 'How can this person contribute to my need for applause and power?' Vanity creates the need to use people because we cannot keep our balance spiritually if we are empty at the center."



For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. ¹⁰ So you also are complete through your union with Christ.

Colossians 2:9,10

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.

2 Peter 1:3



15 "What sorrow awaits you who make your neighbors drunk! You force your cup on them so you can gloat over their shameful nakedness. Vs.15

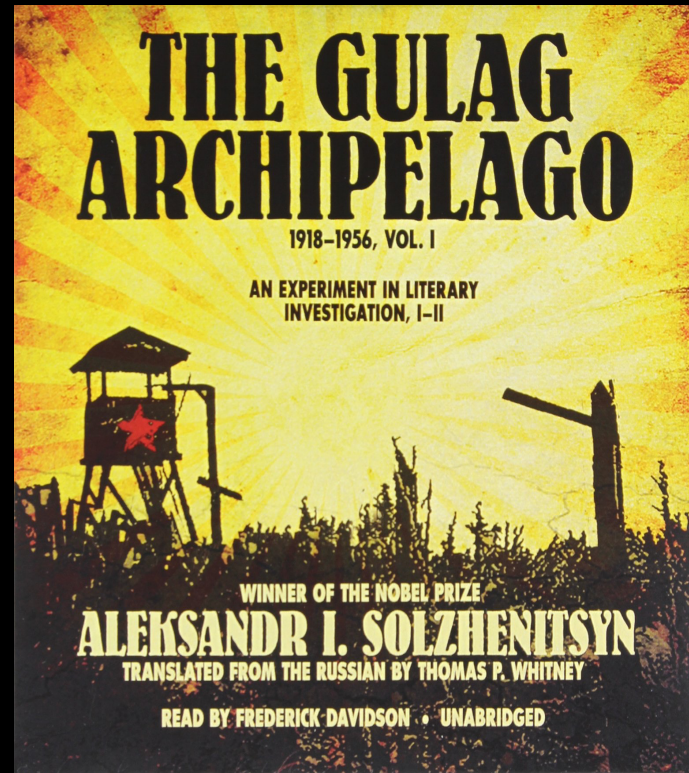


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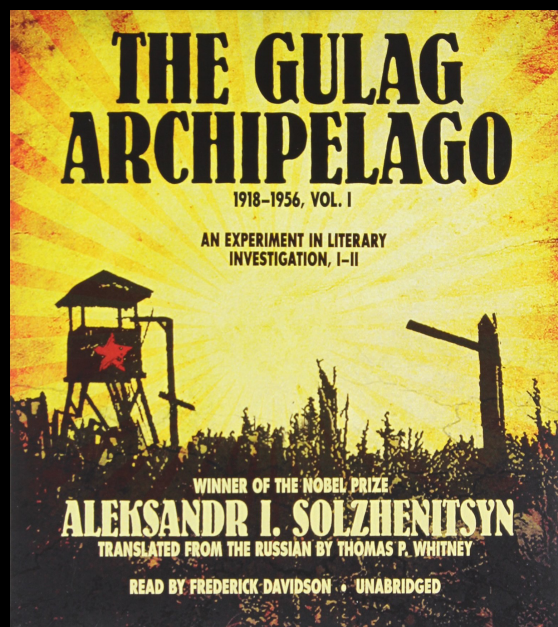


Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Matthew 7:3

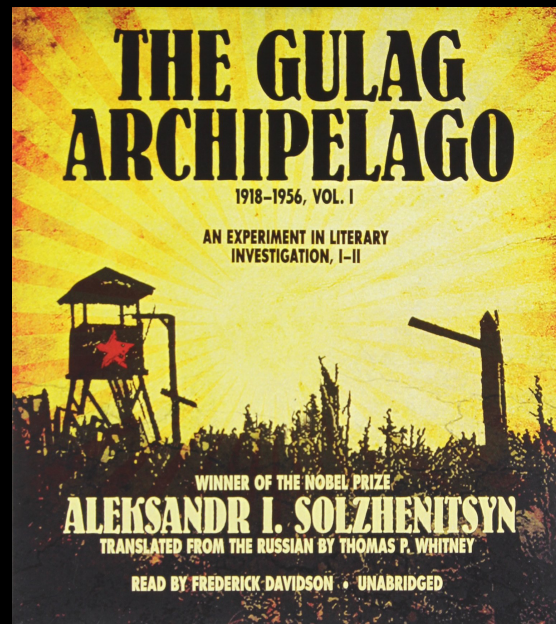




“So let the reader who expects this book to be a political exposé slam its covers closed right now. If only it were all so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them.



“But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being.”



“Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God. Habakkuk 2:4



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Habakkuk 2:14, 20



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