

Habakkuk

Trusting God

When You Don't Understand Him

Outline of the Book of Habakkuk

I. HIS "BURDEN": FAITH GRAPPLING WITH A PROBLEM

A. THE PROPHET RAISES A QUESTION...

1. He laments over apparent rule of wickedness and violence
2. How can the Lord justify His apparent indifference to such things? – **1:1-4**

B. GOD'S ANSWER...

1. He is not indifferent!
2. He is doing something hard to understand – **1:5-11**
 - a. Raising up the Chaldeans to execute His judgment
 - b. Using a violent nation that arrogantly thinks it is serving its own god (and for its own purpose)

C. THE PROPHET'S SECOND QUESTION...

1. How can a holy God employ such an impure & godless agent? – **1:12-17**
2. This is hard for Habakkuk to understand, but he will watch to see what the Lord will say to him – **2:1**

II. HIS "VISION": FAITH COMES BY HEARING GOD, NOT BY DEBATING WITH GOD

A. GOD'S ANSWER: THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH...

1. Habakkuk is to write what God reveals to him – **2:2-3**
2. The proud is not upright; but the just shall live by his faith – **2:4**

B. GOD CONTINUES: HE WILL JUDGE THE PROUD...

1. Woe to the proud possessed with the lust of conquest and plunder – **2:5-8**
2. Woe to their efforts to build a permanent empire through cruelty and godless gain – **2:9-11**
3. Woe to those who build cities with bloodshed – **2:12-14**
4. Woe to those with cruelty in their treatment of those they conquered – **2:15-17**
5. Woe to those given over to idolatry – **2:18-20**
 - a. Who worship that in which there is no breath at all
 - b. By contrast: “The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him”

III. HIS "PRAYER": FAITH BOWING IN ASSURANCE

A. PETITION FOR GOD'S ACTION AND MERCY...

1. Written in the form of a psalm – **3:1, 19**
2. Asking God to revive His works, and in His wrath remember mercy – **3:2**

B. PRAISE FOR GOD'S PAST DELIVERANCE...

1. His mighty works in the past – **3:3-7**
2. Bringing both judgment to the wicked and salvation to His people – **3:8-15**

C. PROFESSION OF FAITH...

1. He trembled at what he has heard, yet he will have rest in the day of trouble – **3:16**
2. But he expresses his faith, that while trouble may come, he will rejoice in the Lord who will be his strength – **3:17-19**

MAJOR LESSONS

from the

minor prophets

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1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

Habakkuk's Complaint

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

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10 O LORD, you have ordained them as a
judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established
them for reproof.

13 You who are of purer eyes than to see
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked
swallows up

the man more righteous than he

14 You make mankind like the fish of

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- God does not need to do things our way, we need to trust His ways (*Prov. 3:5-6; Rom. 11:33-36*)
- Without the revelation of God, we cannot determine His actions in providence (*Eccl. 8:16-17*)
- Yet we can still be sure that He acts (*Dan. 4:17*)
- God will always act for the best, despite fact we may not understand it (*Psa. 18:30; Isa. 55:9; Dan. 4:37*)
- Our silence before God is not the quelling of noise, but the quieting of our will to totally trust His will

Habakkuk 2:1-4



¹ “I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.”

² Then the Lord answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. ⁴ Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.”

Habakkuk 2:20

The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**No Matter How Powerful & Scary the
Storms of Life May Seem...**





PRAY!

**And Leave
It In God's
Hands!**