



"Faith for the Prophet Habakkuk"

Living by Faith Series

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Introduction

Habakkuk...

1. ...a _____ prophet.

- 1) **Habakkuk's name means - one who embraces or _____.**
- 2) **Habakkuk wrestles with God in the struggle for _____.**
- 3) **He is a contemporary of the prophet Jeremiah before the _____ exile.**

2. ...struggles in faith with what God is _____. Hab 1&2

1) **Why did God permit evil in Judea to go unpunished?**

2 How long, O LORD, will I call for help, And You will not hear? I cry out to You, "Violence!" Yet You do not save. 3 Why do You make me see iniquity, And cause [me] to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; Strife exists and contention arises. 4 Therefore the law is ignored And justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore justice comes out perverted. [Hab 1:2-4 NASB95]

answer: I am raising up the Babylonians to judge them.

☛ **Judgment begins with God's _____.**

17 For [it is] time for **judgment to begin with the household of God**; and if [it] [begins] with us first, what [will be] the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? [1Pe 4:17 NASB95]

☛ **We expect selective individual's temporal _____ and that is done after death.**

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but **after this the judgment**: [Heb 9:27]

☛ **God judges nations and tribes with some _____ damages.**

13 [Your] eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You can not look on wickedness [with favor.] Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up **Those more righteous than they**? [Hab 1:13]

2) **How could God use the even more wicked Babylonians to judge the Jews?**

answer: I am raising up the Babylonians to judge them.

☛ **God's judgment comes at an _____ time.**

3 "For the vision is yet for **the appointed time**; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. [Hab 2:3]

☛ **God's judgment comes when a nations iniquity is _____.**

16 "Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for **the iniquity** of the Amorite is not yet complete." [Gen 15:16 NASB95]

☪ **God will judge the nations bad treatment of _____.**

☑ 2 I will **gather all the nations** And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land. [Joe 3:2 NASB95]

☑ 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 **All the nations will be gathered** before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. [Mat 25:31-33]

☑ 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit **the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**. ... 41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into **the eternal fire** which has been **prepared for the devil and his angels**; [Mat 25:34, 41]

3. ...triumphs in faith with who God _____. Hab 3

4 "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But **the righteous will live by his faith**. [Hab 2:4 NASB95]

1) The proud are pronounced five _____.

☪ ...for _____.

8 "Because **you have looted** many nations, All the remainder of the peoples will loot you-- Because of **human bloodshed and violence** done to the land, To the town and all its inhabitants. [Hab 2:8 NASB95]

☪ ...for _____.

10 "You have devised a shameful thing for your house By **cutting off many peoples**; So you are sinning against yourself. [Hab 2:10 NASB95]

☪ ...for _____.

12 "Woe to him who **builds a city with bloodshed** And founds a town **with violence!** [Hab 2:12 NASB95]

☪ ...for _____.

15 "Woe to you who make your neighbors drink, Who mix in your venom even to **make [them] drunk** So as to look on their nakedness! [Hab 2:15 NASB95]

☪ ...for _____.

18 "What profit is the idol when its maker has carved it, [Or] an image, a teacher of falsehood? For [its] maker trusts in his [own] handiwork When he **fashions speechless idols**. 19 "Woe to him who says to a [piece of] wood, 'Awake!' To a mute stone, 'Arise!' [And] that is [your] teacher? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, And there is **no breath at all inside it**. [Hab 2:18-19 NASB95]

2) The righteous are to live by _____.

☪ **They contrast the _____.**

A revolution in morality now seeks not only to subvert marriage, but also to redefine it, and thus to undermine an essential foundation of human dignity, flourishing, and freedom...Already, religious liberty is threatened by a new moral regime that **exalts erotic liberty and personal autonomy** and openly argues that religious liberties must give way to the new morality, its redefinition of marriage, and its demand for coercive moral, cultural, and legal sovereignty.

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- **They believe the earth will be filled with God's _____.**
14 "For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea. [Hab 2:14 NASB95]
- **They resolve to trust _____ to sovereign God.**
17 Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, [Though] the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there be no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' [feet,] And makes me walk on my high places. For the choir director, on my stringed instruments. [Hab 3:17-19 NASB95]

Conclusion

- 1) Things that happen in our fallen world may seemingly contradict God's love and God's justice.
- 2) The righteous who live by faith will trust that God will perfectly judge the problem of evil.

Lesson: God sits on the throne in heaven as the Lord of history and the ruler of nations. Yahweh may be slow to wrath, but all iniquity will eventually be punished. His splendor covers the heavens, and the earth is full of His praise. He is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.

THE GROWTH OF HABAKKUK THE PROPHET...FROM WORRY TO WATCHING TO WORSHIP.

9 Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But [His word] was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding [it] back, And I could not. [Jer 20:9 NKJV]