

CHARACTER BUILDER

MESSAGE NOTES

Habakkuk – God is Sovereign

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FACTS ABOUT HABAKKUK:

- Name means “to _____” or “to cling.”
- Original audience was the people of Judah (the _____ kingdom).
- Written between _____ and 589 B.C.
- Book has three basic parts: Habakkuk’s _____, God’s _____, and Habakkuk’s song/prayer.
- Prophecies the Lord’s use of the Babylonians to _____ on His people (Habakkuk 1:6)
- Purpose of Habakkuk: to show that God is _____ of the world despite the apparent triumph of evil.

GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY:

_____ OVER ALL CREATION, ENCOMPASSING BOTH THE GRAND SWEEP OF HISTORY AND THE _____. EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS EITHER OCCURS BECAUSE GOD DIRECTLY _____ IT OR CONSCIOUSLY _____ IT.

HABAKKUK REVEALS GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY TO ME, SPECIFICALLY THAT...

1) GOD SOVEREIGNLY _____ WHAT _____.

“How long, O Lord, must I call for help? But you do not listen! ‘Violence is everywhere!’ I cry, but you do not come to save. Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight.”

– Habakkuk 1:2-3

“But you are pure and cannot stand the sight of evil. Will you wink at their treachery? Should you be silent while the wicked swallow up people more righteous than they?” – Habakkuk 1:13

“The Lord is watching everywhere, keeping his eye on both the evil and the good.” – Proverbs 15:3

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.” – Hebrews 4:13

2) GOD SOVEREIGNLY _____ OVER _____.

*“The Lord replied, ‘Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn’t believe even if someone told you about it. I am raising up the Babylonians, a cruel and violent people. They will march across the world and conquer other lands.’”
– Habakkuk 1:5-6*

“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.” – Habakkuk 2:8

“He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.” – Daniel 2:21

“Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.” – Romans 13:1

3) GOD SOVEREIGNLY CALLS _____ TO LIVE BY _____.

Memory Verse:

“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

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” – Proverbs 3:5-6

“This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, ‘It is through faith that a righteous person has life.’” – Romans 1:17

*“‘For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.’ But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.”
– Hebrews 10:37-39*

“For we live by believing and not by seeing.” – 2 Corinthians 5:7

4) GOD SOVEREIGNLY _____ IN HIS _____.

“But soon their captives will taunt them. They will mock them, saying, ‘What sorrow awaits you thieves! Now you will get what you deserve! You’ve become rich by extortion, but how much longer can this go on?’” – Habakkuk 2:6

“What sorrow awaits you who say to wooden idols, ‘Wake up and save us!’ To speechless stone images you say, ‘Rise up and teach us!’ Can an idol tell you what to do? They may be overlaid with gold and silver, but they are lifeless inside. But the Lord is in his holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before him.” – Habakkuk 2:19-20

*“The Lord is slow to get angry, but his power is great, and he never lets the guilty go unpunished. He displays his power in the whirlwind and the storm. The billowing clouds are the dust beneath his feet.”
– Nahum 1:3*

“God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.”
– Ecclesiastes 12:14

5) GOD SOVEREIGNLY _____ HIS PEOPLE _____.

“Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.”
– Habakkuk 3:17-19

“Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.”
– Psalm 73:25-26

“That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.” – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Habakkuk 2:4.
- Place my complete trust in the sovereignty of God.
- Recommit to living my life by faith in Jesus Christ.
- RSVP for Membership Class next Sunday, July 12, from 12:15-2:45pm (Lunch Provided).
- Sign Up for Summer Growth Group #: _____

* Join us next Sunday, July 12, at 11:00am, as we continue our *Character Builder* teaching series looking at, “Haggai: God is Worthy.” Invite a friend or family member to attend with us!



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