



Habakkuk: When God Is Silent

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Ice Breaker

If you could visit any place in the world and money was no object, where would you go and why?

Key Verses

- Habakkuk 1:5
- Habakkuk 2:1
- Habakkuk 2:4
- Habakkuk 3:17-19
- John 5:24
- Isaiah 40:31

Questions

- Habakkuk lived in a time of extreme evil and idolatry, yet he continued to seek God. What kinds of evil or discouragement in today's world make it hardest for you to stay faithful?
- The sermon described four categories of people: those who reject God entirely, those who are open to Him, believers who are content with minimal truth, and believers who hunger for more. Which category do you most identify with right now, and why?

- Habakkuk asked God hard questions but remained open to God's answers. How do you typically respond when you bring a hard question to God? Do you find it easy or difficult to be open to His answers in the Bible?
- The pastor described Habakkuk's posture as being like a watchman on a watchtower, ready and expectant for God to speak. What does it look like practically in your daily life to take that kind of posture toward God?
- Habakkuk 2:4 says, "the righteous by faith will live." How does the promise of eternal life and resurrection change the way you think about the struggles and hardships you face right now?
- The sermon pointed out that the "righteous by faith" are those like Abraham whom God credits faith in the Messiah Jesus Christ as having a standing of righteousness ("being not guilty") before Him (see Genesis 15:6). How does the apostle Paul make this same point in Galatians 3:6-14 when confronting the Jewish legalists who were arguing that good works made you not guilty before God?
- Habakkuk ends his book with a song of triumph, declaring he will rejoice in God even if everything around Him falls apart (Habakkuk 3:17-19). Have you ever experienced a moment where you chose joy and trust in God despite very difficult circumstances? What did that look like?
- The pastor compared God's Word to a tourist guidebook for a destination we are actually going to visit, Christ's future Kingdom. How does thinking about Christ's kingdom as a real, coming reality affect your motivation to live faithfully today?

Life Application

This week, set aside 10 to 15 minutes each day to read one chapter of Habakkuk. As you read, write down one hard question you have for God and then spend time in prayer, genuinely listening and looking in Scripture for His answer. At the end of the week, reflect on how believing God's promises about the future, especially the promise of resurrection and eternal life, changed your perspective on whatever challenges you faced. Share what you discovered with someone in your group or a trusted friend.

Key Takeaways

- Faith is the central virtue Habakkuk models for us. Believing always means being convinced that what God says is true.

- It is not wrong to ask God hard questions about evil and suffering. What matters for victorious Christian living is whether we are genuinely willing to listen to and believe His answers.
- Habakkuk 2:4, "the righteous by faith will live," is one of the most important theological statements in all of Scripture. It declares that those who believe in the Messiah for eternal life are declared righteous by God and will have eternal life and a glorious, bodily resurrection.
- The promise of Christ's return and our future resurrection is the most powerful source of encouragement available to believers living in a broken and discouraging world.
- Habakkuk models triumphant faith by choosing to rejoice in God even when everything around Him is falling apart, because He is anchored in the certainty of what God has promised for the future.

Ending Prayer

Lord, thank You for the example of Habakkuk, a man who faced darkness and evil and yet chose to stand on the watchtower of faith, waiting for Your answers and believing Your promises. As we leave this time together, anchor our hearts in the truth that the righteous by faith will live. When discouragement comes, when evil feels overwhelming, and when the wait for Your kingdom feels long, remind us that You are eternal, that Your plan is unstoppable, and that our resurrection and life with You forever is certain. Help us to run with endurance, to walk without growing weary, and to soar on wings of faith. We pray this together in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and coming King. Amen.