

God in the Ruins

The Message of the Minor Prophets

HABAKKUK

Habakkuk 1-3

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DOWN IN THE VALLEY

“God, why are you so _____?”

- God’s response: “*I am _____.*”

“God, how can you be so _____?”

There is a difference between _____ and _____.

- Unbelief is an act of the _____.
- Doubt is born out of a troubled _____ and _____.

STANDING ON THE WATCHTOWER

God may _____ corrupt kingdoms, but that doesn’t mean he _____ them. All nations are _____ to God.

- **2:4** – The assurance of God’s _____.
- **2:14** – The assurance of God’s _____.
- **2:20** – The assurance of God’s _____.

LIKE A DEER ON THE HEIGHTS

Even if the world is falling apart, Habakkuk will choose _____ and _____ in the covenant promises of God.

LEARNING FROM HABAKKUK

1. _____ talk to God about our difficulties.
2. _____ about those things to God.
3. _____ on God’s Word.
4. Be willing to _____ and submit yourself as God reveals Himself.

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HABAKKUK 1

¹ The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. ² How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? ³ Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴ Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. ⁵ “Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. ⁶ ***I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own...***

¹² Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish. ¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? ¹⁴ You have made people like the fish in the sea, like the sea creatures that have no ruler. ¹⁵ The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his dragnet; and so he rejoices and is glad... for by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food. ¹⁷ Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?

HABAKKUK 2

¹ I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. ² Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it... ³ It will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴ “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— ***but the righteous person will live by his faith*** — ⁵ indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples. ⁶ ... “Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?...”

⁹ “Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain... ¹⁰ You have plotted the ruin of many peoples... ¹² “Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by injustice! ¹³ ...the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire... ¹⁴ ***For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.***

¹⁵ “Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies! ¹⁶ You will be filled with shame instead of glory. Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be exposed!

¹⁸ “Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman? Or an image that teaches lies? For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation... ¹⁹ Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’... Can it give guidance?... there is no breath in it.” ²⁰ The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

HABAKKUK 3

¹ Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day... ⁴ His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden... He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble... ¹³ You came out to deliver your people, to save your anointed one. You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness.

¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹ ***The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.***

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