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“FROM FRUSTRATION
TO FAITH”

HABAKKUK

The Question

How long Lord will justice wait?

Or

When are you going to do something about all this?

**2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?**

**Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?**

**3 Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.**

**4 So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.**

God's Answer

I'm going to have the
Babylonians invade and
judge my people?

**1:5 “Look among the nations, and see;
wonder and be astounded.
For I am doing a work in your days
that you would not believe if told.
6 For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,
that bitter and hasty nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth,
to seize dwellings not their own.**

Habakkuk's REALLY?

How can a good God
allow evil to accomplish
His purposes?

**1:12 Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?**

We shall not die.

**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
evil 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?**

God's 2nd Answer

Run Well

As you . . .

Live by Faith

2:2 And the Lord answered me:

**“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.**

**3 For still the vision awaits its appointed
time;**

**it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.**

**4“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not
upright within him, but
the righteous (just) shall live by his faith.**

The Just shall live by F.A.I.T.H.

Forsaking

All

I

Trust

Him

God's Justice

The Babylonians (and those bent on unrighteousness) don't get away with anything — there is a payday someday!

- 1. Woe to the greedy and unjust (v.6–8)**
- 2. Woe to those who build security through evil gain (v.9–11)**
- 3. Woe to those who build with bloodshed and injustice (v.12–14)**
- 4. Woe to those who exploit others for pleasure and control (v.15–17)**
- 5. Woe to the idolaters (v.18–19)**

Habakkuk gets it

The Finish Line of the Run
Is Jesus Christ.

He IS:
Sustainer
Salvation
Strength
Stability

Habakkuk Rejoices in the Lord

**17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,**

**18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**

**19 God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.**

Applications

- 1. Bring your honest questions to God.**
- 2. Wait for God's answer.**
- 3. Trust God's character even when His actions confuse you.**
- 4. Live by faith, not by sight.**
- 5. Worship in the midst of uncertainty.**