

REVIEW/PAUSE/PLAY

But the Righteous, by his Faith, shall Live!

The RIGHTEOUS

Habakkuk 2:4 – Not Proud/haughty:

Covetous – wants what others have	vv 6-8
Greedy – motivated by possessing	vv 9-11
Violent – no regard for hurting others	vv 12-14
Deceitful – use trickery to gain an advantage	vv 15-17
Idolater – make god into what you want him to be	vv 18-19

God sees all that the unrighteousness of the Babylonians. What does that mean for us?

The significance of God using the Babylonians to discipline Israel:

Genesis 15:16 – the iniquity of the Amorites

Romans 1:17 – **REVERE** God for who He truly is

Galatians 3:11 – **REALIZE** the limitations of my own good works

Hebrews 10:38 – **RELEASED** from guilt, Heart cleansed v22, conscience washed v22

By His FAITH

Habakkuk – **PRACTICE** righteousness and “cling” to God’s promises, even in the face of disaster v14

Romans – **PERSUADED** more and more of the truth of the gospel

Galatians – accept that our blessed (not cursed) **PROMISED** before God is through Christ’s work and the Holy Spirit, not our own v13-14

Hebrews – confidence/boldness in God’s **PROMISED** reward v35

Shall LIVE

Habakkuk – maybe personal deliverance from the enemy (national deliverance is not happening). cf Ezekiel 33

ACCEPT humbly God’s discipline v1

Romans – **ANNOUNCE** the gospel with courage v16

Galatians – **ACT** in freedom from condemnation, not having to earn our adoption v6-7

Hebrews – **ANDURE** and persevere under persecution

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Life Group Discussion Questions – January 16, 2022

Habakkuk 2:4 *Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.*

DISCOVER

1. If the righteous live by faith, what are the standards that the wicked are living by? Compare and contrast Genesis 15:6 with Judges 21:25.
2. Re-read Habakkuk 2:4. What can we learn about justice from this verse?

EXPLORE

1. Why is it important to differentiate between righteous living and righteous standing before God?
2. What are the differences between those who don’t love God and those who reject His laws and even those who are committed to violence and oppression?
3. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and compare it to Habakkuk 2:4. How does each passage help you to understand the other?

EXPERIENCE

1. When you are confused and don’t understand something about God’s plan, do you make a decision to have faith? How has your decision (or non-decision) to have faith impacted your attitude and impacted the outcome of your circumstance?
2. “The wicked and the righteous are identified by God according to His standards, not ours. And the bottom line is that the wicked will not escape judgment. The only way out is salvation through faith in Jesus by grace.” This 3-sentence statement is the essence of the Gospel message. How can you breakdown each statement so that an unchurched friend or neighbor can understand and relate to it?
3. How can we help unbelievers, the wicked, to know that they can be free from earning their sonship with God?
4. Today, many in our culture would say, “I’m a good person, especially when compared to so-and-so. Therefore, I will be in heaven.” How does this attitude dishonor God? In what ways should we respond to them?
5. In what ways are you living like you have time to “get right” with God or that the day of accounting will not come? If this question doesn’t stir up your heart in some way, how come?

PRAY

Pray...Our Gracious God and Father, I thank and praise You for all the blessings You have showered on me. Help me to live by faith and not by sight in the midst of the turbulence and afflictions in my life. Increase my faith so that I would have complete trust in You especially when I don’t understand Your plan. Thank You, Father, that the peace of Your Son rules in my heart. Amen.

Action...Memorize Habakkuk 2:4.