

REVIEW/PAUSE/PLAY

Habakkuk: Conversation #3 – Chapter 1:12-2:20

Habakkuk's Lament - vs. 1:12-2:1 'God, You're doing too ***much!***'

Your plan goes against Your **PROMISES** vs. 12

Your plan is too **PUNITIVE** vs. 12

Your plan **CONDONES** evil vs. 13-17

Why do You **ENDORSE** treacherous people?

Why would You allow more **WICKED** people to conquer more

RIGHTEOUS people?

Why have You made Your people such easy **PREY**?

But Lord, I give You permission to change my **PERSPECTIVE**

God's Response - vs. 2-20 'Habakkuk trust in My **PROMISES**'

I already have a **PLAN** in place to deal with Babylon vs. 2-3

I know how to deal with **ARROGANT** kings vs. 4-6

WOE to nations who act wickedly vs. 7-20

Woe to nations built upon **ECONOMIC** oppression vs. 6-8

Woe to nations built upon evil **PROFITS** vs. 9-11

Woe to nations built upon **BLOODSHED** and slavery vs. 12-14

Woe to nations built upon **SEXUAL** perversions vs. 15-18

Woe to nations built upon **IDOLATRY** vs. 19-20

Habakkuk sees these 'woes' in both **ISRAEL** and **BABYLON**
and his perspective changes!

Life Applications:

- God takes human on human **OPPRESSIONS** seriously!
- God is **GRACIOUS** enough to tell us His expectations
- These truths can be applied to a nation, community, business, or individual

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Habakkuk 2:2-3 "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay."

DISCOVER

1. On occasion, we are awakened to our faulty perspectives. Share a flawed perspective or judgment that was firmly established in you that you held for a long time. How did you come to realize your error? How are you different as a result?
2. Have you ever confessed that "God works in mysterious ways"? Is this the same as accepting His will? ...as not questioning His methods? How does this view fare the more trying the circumstance?

EXPLORE (read Habakkuk 1:12-2:20)

1. What might things look like if we could actually see through God's holy eyes? What will it take to see ourselves as God sees us?
2. Re-read vv. 1:12-13. Highlight where Habakkuk affirms his faith in God's immutable nature. (see Psalm 46:1; 93:1-2; Isaiah 63:16) If his understanding of God is rock-solid, why do you think the prophet faltered in his outlook? Has this also happened to you in your walk with God? How so?
3. Read Romans 3:10-12, 23. How do these verses point to God's grace? How do these verses "free" God to use whatever means He deems necessary in dealing with the righteous and the wicked?

EXPERIENCE

1. What if you cried out to God for justice in your work place by asking for a pay raise only to have the boss advance a cranky fellow worker to have authority over you? What would you believe to be true about God? In this adversity, would you truthfully acknowledge that God may be using this for purposes known only to Him?
2. When you are convicted of your unfaithfulness why is it important to know God remains faithful to Himself as well as us?
3. How do you reconcile tragedy striking your life while it seems to sidestep others who live without fear of God?
4. When considering how God has been working in your life, does your perspective need to change? In what specific ways might you accomplish this? How can your Life Group help you?

PRAY

Pray...Father God, You are my strength and my salvation. Whatever strife, whatever fears, whatever darkness may seek to surround me, You are my salvation and my joy. When the world seems so confusing and chaotic, I will remember that You are Creator and the God of order. You see all injustice and because of Your holy Name, You will accomplish what is right in Your eyes. And thus, I rest in the goodness of Your sovereignty.

Action...What can I do this week that will help me to know God's expectations of me, even if I cannot see the results?