

REVIEW/PAUSE/PLAY

Part 5: Habakkuk – means ‘Clingy, a Hugger’

Habakkuk’s **PASSIONATE** Prayer Chapter 3:1-2

A prayer to be sung as a fervent **TRIUMPHANT** strain

A poetic picture of a **DESERT STORM**

A prayer reflecting Habakkuk’s new **PERSPECTIVE**

Habakkuk’s **PROCLAMATION** vs. 3-15

God is going to arrive in **THUNDEROUS** power and glory vs. 3-7

God is going to **VANQUISH** all evil vs. 8-15

Nations these words apply to: Israel, Babylon, all **FUTURE** nations
Acts 17:25-28

The fulfilment of this proclamation:

Immediate: **ISRAEL** conquered

Near Future: **BABYLON** conquered

Long range future: **ALL** nations

Final Future: **JESUS’** 2nd Coming

Habakkuk’s **PERSONAL** response vs. 16-19

It’s going to get much **WORSE** before it gets much better

vs. 16; 2 Tim. 3:12-14

I’m standing firm in my commitment to the **PERSON** and

to the **PLAN** of God vs. 17

I’m trusting that God will **STRENGTHEN** me till the end vs. 18-19

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Life Group Discussion Questions – February 6, 2022

Habakkuk 3:16 *I heard and my inward parts trembled, at the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones and in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will invade us.*

DISCOVER (Read Habakkuk 3)

1. Identify some of the triggers of dread or anxiety. Have you ever had the feeling of impending doom? What events brought that on? How did this sense of foreboding finally disappear?
2. When we invite God into these anxious times, what should we reasonably expect from Him?
3. In verse 6, we see that God is watching us; that He is involved with His creation. He fulfills His plans through us and through our enemies. How does this make you feel? How should this truth impact our lives?

EXPLORE

1. Why is it important that Habakkuk’s journey from doubt to faith ends in praise? Where else might Habakkuk’s doubt taken him?
2. In what ways can you see God’s power displayed in the world today? What is God doing when He demonstrates His power? How is His “power made perfect in our weakness”? (see Genesis 50:20; Acts 17:25-28; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
3. Despite the times when we feel we have been abandoned by God, we must still obey. This is such a counter-intuitive statement. How can we actually stay in obedience when every fiber of our being is wanting to run in the opposite direction? If we run away, are we saying we don’t fear God? How can we still trust God when we feel we’ve been forsaken? (see Job 13:14-16)

EXPERIENCE

1. Have you ever encountered someone who had a question but was never satisfied with the answer you offer (i.e. they just keep asking more questions)? How can Habakkuk’s story shed new light on how you can respond to these folks during the next occasion?
2. List three ways you can seek answers to your sincere questions about how God is working in a particular circumstance. Which one of these are you most inclined to utilize? If you use all three at a time, in what particular order do you exercise them? Why is that?
3. One of the take-aways from the Habakkuk account is that we are assured that “it will get much worse before it gets better.” Be honest. What is your immediate gut reaction to this idea? (see 2 Timothy 3:12-14)

PRAY

Pray...Father in heaven, I desire to be more like You and to do that, I must trust You more today than I did yesterday; especially to trust You in times of adversity, knowing that You are working things out for my good according to Your perfect will. Renew my attitude, as I give You permission to redirect my perspective of You. Teach me to always say in my heart, “Because You say so, I will.” Amen.

Action...In your quiet time this week, take a pen and notepad with you and just start writing about God. Make this a personal love letter to your Creator, praising Him for His Word, wonder and glory.