

A person wearing a dark grey hoodie is shown from the chest up, with their head bowed and hands clasped in prayer over an open book. The book is resting on a wooden surface. The background is dark and out of focus.

HABAKKUK

TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLING TIMES

Justice Will Be Served

Habakkuk 2

Habakkuk 1:2

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?

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

“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 shall live by his faith.

5 “Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples.”

6 Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say, “Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—for how long?—and loads himself with pledges!”

7 Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. 8 Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

9 “Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,
to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach
of harm! 10 You have devised shame for your
house by cutting off many peoples; you have
forfeited your life. 11 For the stone will cry out
from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork
respond.

12 “Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity! 13 Behold, is it not
from the Lord of hosts that peoples labor merely
for fire, and nations weary themselves for
nothing? 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 makes his neighbors
drink—you pour out your wrath and make them
drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! 16 You
will have your fill of shame instead of glory.
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!
The cup in the Lord's right hand will come
around to you, and utter shame will come upon
your glory!

17 The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

18 “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols!

19 Woe to him who says to a wooden thing,
Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach?
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and
there is no breath at all in it. 20 But the Lord is in
his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence
before him.”

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PRIDE

Judgment for the Pride

- You will be the spoil for those you oppressed.
- The nations will plunder you.
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2:14: “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

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Point #2: God's holiness silences
all of us.

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

What Does This Faith Look Like?

- 1) God calls us to a faith that saves.

“Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”

-Galatians 3:11-14

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“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Jude 14-15

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- 1) God calls us to a faith that saves.
- 2) God calls us to a faith that waits.
- 3) God calls us to a faith that endures.

“For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. 37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”

Hebrews 10:36-39

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