

Majoring in the Minors
Week 8 outline
8-10-25
Habakkuk Chapters 1-3

Big Questions, Big Answers, and the Power of Faith!

I. Habakkuk background

- A. Ministered between 612 and 589 BC
- B. Main theme: God is still in control despite the apparent triumph of evil
- C. NOT a rebuke of a nation, but a dialogue between prophet and God
- D. About Babylon's rising and Judah's coming destruction

II. Big Questions! (Habakkuk 1:1-4)

- A. Habakkuk is the questioning prophet
- B. Habakkuk had questions about God TO God... WE ALL DO! (Habakkuk 1:2)
 - 1. Why is evil winning?
 - 2. How long Lord will you delay?
 - 3. Why is evil even allowed?
 - 4. WE get confused...GOD does not (Isaiah 55:8-9)

III. God Answers (Habakkuk 1:5-11)

- A. Look! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! (Habakkuk 1:5)
- B. Here come the Chaldeans (Babylonians)
 - 1. Full of power, might, fury... (Habakkuk 1:6-10)
 - 2. Full of pride and idolatry

IV. Habakkuk's Response...(Habakkuk 1:12-17)

- 1. But God, they are the worst kind of evil, way more than us!
 - 2. Will they just get away with it?
- A. Habakkuk gets in position to see and hear (Habakkuk 2:1)
 - 1. Keeping watch on the ramparts and guard posts (high ground)
 - 2. To see what he will speak...

V. God's Responds Again (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

- 1. Record the vision!
 - 2. It hastens toward the goal and will not fail...WAIT for it.
 - 3. Remember all He has done and the promises He's given
- A. The Righteous will live by Faith (Habakkuk 2:4)
 - 1. For salvation yes, but also everyday, in every situation
 - 2. Our questions don't scare Him, but lead us to Him, who He is and ultimately to trust.

VI. God's Judgement on Babylon (Habakkuk 2:5-19)

- A. God's Final Word (Habakkuk 2:20)
- B. But the Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth be silent before Him!
 - 1. It's ok to say I don't like this, or I don't understand that
 - 2. But the Righteous live by faith...the Lord is on His throne!
 - 3. We seek, we listen, we wait, we trust!

VII. Habakkuk's Response (Chapter 3)

A. Song of Praise

1. Habakkuk praised his way out of anguish (Habakkuk:3-7, 13, 17-19)
2. He will make our feet like "hinds feet"
 - Just like a small goat on a steep mountain side!
 - A small amount of faith will allow us to ascend to the high places!
3. We wait, we trust, we worship!
4. God is on His throne and worthy of ALL our praise