

UNCOMPROMISING FAITH

... the just shall live by his faith Habakkuk 2:4



HABAKKUK

Faith In His Judgement

Faith in His Timing

Habakkuk 2:1-20

Lesson 5

Background Information

The circumstances of life sometimes appear to contradict God's revelation of Himself concerning His power and purposes. Habakkuk struggles with his faith when he saw men seem to thrive though they flagrantly violate God's law and distort justice without fear of divine intervention. The prophet cried out the troubling question of his heart, "Why would God allow this flagrant, iniquity to go unpunished?"

Habakkuk understood that he needed a right perspective in order to *rest and wait* in God's strength. He wasn't afraid to wrestle with the issues that were meant to test and strengthen his faith. He openly and honestly directs his problems to God and waits to see how He will respond. The more we know about the Planner the more we can trust in His timing, and His plan. The key to trusting when all does not seem right in the world is found in God's words to the prophet, *the just shall live by his faith*. This is not a blind faith that just believes that all will be set right, in your own eyes. This speaks of a faith rooted and grounded in God's Word, Who He is and His power to perform what He speaks.

God's answer leads Habakkuk to the conclusion that, even in the worst circumstances, God's plan is always perfect. His infinite wisdom, goodness and power, will stand against anything that comes against its ultimate fulfillment. In spite of appearances to the contrary, God is still on the throne as the Ruler of the Nations. Though He may be slow to wrath, all iniquity will eventually be punished, He is worthy of our trust.

Treasures of the Heart

I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

Habakkuk 2:1



What does it say?

The first step is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

Habakkuk 2:1-8

1 I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected.

2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make [it] plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision [is] yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

5 "Indeed, because he transgresses by wine, [He is] a proud man, And he does not stay at home. Because he enlarges his desire as hell, And he [is] like death, and cannot be satisfied, He gathers to himself all nations And heaps up for himself all peoples.

6 "Will not all these take up a proverb against him, And a taunting riddle against him, and say, 'Woe to him who increases [What] is not his--how long? And to him who loads himself with many pledges'? 7 Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And you will become their booty. 8 Because you have plundered many nations, All the remnant of the people shall plunder you, Because of men's blood And the violence of the land [and] the city, And of all who dwell in it.



Digging Deeper

Dig deeper using other resources such as a dictionary, concordance, maps and cross-references. Notate where you found it to share with the group. Look for commands to obey or questions to be answered. **What does God want you to know about Himself?**

What does it mean?



What lesson can I draw from my observations? Ask yourself, “What was the intended meaning of the original author?” Is there a command to obey, or a warning to heed? An example to follow or avoid? **State each lesson in a simple sentence that you could share with someone else.** (aim for 10 words or less).

Habakkuk 2:1-8 _____

Habakkuk 2:9-14 _____

Habakkuk 2:15-20 _____

How can I apply it?



Ask yourself, “What course of action do I need to take to apply each lesson?” How should it change me? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? (aim for 10 *words* or less)

Habakkuk 2:1-8 _____

Habakkuk 2:9-14 _____

Habakkuk 2:15-20 _____

Challenge: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

What **D**id **G**od **S**ay?

See if you can discover what God wants us to understand. What does He want us to understand about His ways? Which of His attributes is He displaying? When we are questioning the circumstances that surround us, understanding Who God is helps us trust Him when we don't see Him working. **Simply state what God is trying to communicate about Himself.**

What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

Define three words: does it supply any added meaning to the text?



Getting The Point

See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

Habakkuk 2:1-8 _____

Habakkuk 2:9-14 _____

Habakkuk 2:15-20 _____

Title State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

Flex Your Muscles Can you discover an N.T. example of this O.T. truth?

Radiating His Truth...

Because we know that God is Just and God is Faithful, instead of looking around and asking God a lot of questions, look up and lay hold of His assurances. — Warren Wiersbe

