

New Sermon series starting 21 April

HABAKKUK

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- **1:1-4:** Laments the Evil in this World
- **1:5-11:** The Lord is at work, even if we can't see it
- **1:12-2:4:** God permits what he hates to accomplish what he loves.
- **2:5-20:** God's Justice will Prevail

2 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.”

- Habakkuk 2:1-20

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock
be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I
will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

- Habakkuk 3:17-18



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Five “Woes” in Habakkuk 2

- **vs 6:** “Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own.”
- **Verse 9:** “Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, to set his nest on high.”
- **Verse 12:** “Woe to him who builds a town with blood.”
- **Verse 15:** “Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink up the cup of his wrath.”
- **Verse 19:** “Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; and to a dumb stone, Arise!”

Three “Contrasts” in Habakkuk 2:

vs 4-11: The Proud vs Faithful

vs 12-17: The Shame of Man vs. Glory of God

vs 18-20: Lifeless Idols vs the Living God

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- Habakkuk 2:2-4

Three Aspects of Saving Faith:

- **Knowledge (Notitia):** Knowledge refers to an intellectual understanding of the facts of the gospel.
- **Assent (Assensus):** assent means that one agrees with the facts of the gospel.
- **Trust (Fiducia):** trust means that one surrenders oneself wholly to the Christ of the gospel.



“By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities.”

- Isaiah 53:11

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— Habakkuk 2:12-16

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- Habakkuk 1:12-13

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- Habakkuk 2:18-20

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- Habakkuk 2:19-20

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

- Psalm 46:10

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment.

- Isaiah 41:1

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O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known in wrath remember mercy.

- Habakkuk 3:1