

The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

A Study of the Book of Habakkuk

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Key Truth: Although wickedness appears to overrun God’s world, the righteous will continue to live by faith in God’s Word.

Like a rising flood, wickedness was filling the land of Judah following the righteous reign of Josiah. Josiah’s wicked sons and grandsons essentially reversed the revival that had taken place under Josiah’s reign. The prophet Habakkuk not only witnessed the wickedness from within the nation, he also foresaw the coming invasion by the Babylonians. This imminent tidal wave was sure to break the levees of Judah’s borders and sweep through the nation. In this second round of Q&A, Habakkuk affirms God’s nature, but is still confused how a righteous God could use unrighteous man for His own ends?

DISCUSS

Read **Habakkuk 1:12-2:4** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on “**The Righteous Shall Live By Faith.**”

DIG IN

1. A Word Picture of Wickedness. (Habakkuk 1:12-17)

Read Habakkuk 1:12-13: In what ways does Habakkuk describe God in these verses?

According to Habakkuk 1:14-15, in what ways will the Babylonians (Chaldeans, 1:6) dehumanize the Israelites? In what ways do we “dehumanize” others today?

According to Habakkuk 1:16, how does Habakkuk portray the Babylonians committing idolatry? In what ways do we see idolatry taking place in our day?

Describe the brutality of the Babylonians, according to Habakkuk 1:17. Who are they “mercilessly killing?” Why will this be impossible for the Babylonians to carry out?

2. A Word for the Righteous. (Habakkuk 2:1-4)

According to Habakkuk 2:1, what does the prophet resolve to do? Why?

Why does God want Habakkuk to “Write the vision” (Hab 2:2)? How does this benefit us today?

Why must Habakkuk wait for God’s fulfillment of the prophecy (v. 3)? In what ways do we “wait” today?

Read Habakkuk 2:4: Why do you think this passage was considered important enough to be quoted in Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38? How does it challenge us today?

In what ways does this passage help us to understand what it means that the “righteous shall live by faith?”

DO

In what ways will you personally put what you have learned through this sermon into practice this week?