

“Trusting God in Wicked Times”

Habakkuk 1-3

Intro: Habakkuk prophesied during the morally declining year of Judah and he had the responsibility bring the word of God’s coming judgment on them.

I. The Prophet Habakkuk wrote from a low place in the history of His nation.

Habakkuk 1:2–4 — ² *How long, O Lord, will I call for help, And You will not hear? I cry out to You, “**Violence!**” Yet You do not save. ³ Why do You make me see **iniquity**, And cause me to look on **wickedness**? Yes, **destruction** and violence are before me; **Strife** exists and **contention** arises. ⁴ Therefore the law is ignored And justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore **justice comes out perverted.**”*

A. What sins depressed Habakkuk about the people that surrounded him?

B. How did Habakkuk seek alleviate his depression? v2 _____

C. According to Habakkuk’s example, how should sin affect the soul of the righteous? _____

1. What were Lot’s issues with living among the wicked? -2 Peter 2:7–9

2. What is God’s promise for the righteous? -2 Timothy 3:12–13

II. God reveals his plan to address the wickedness of the people.

Habakkuk 1:5–7 — ⁵ *“Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days— You would not believe if you were told. ⁶ “For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, That fierce and impetuous people Who march throughout the earth To seize dwelling places which are not theirs. ⁷ “They are dreaded and feared; Their justice and authority originate with themselves.”*

A. In v5, how does God predict Habakkuk would feel about the Lord’s plan?

B. In v6-7, what kind of people would God raise to bring judgment on Judah?

C. How did Habakkuk show his distaste for this coming judgment? (v13)

Habakkuk 1:13 — ¹³ *Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You cannot look on wickedness with favor. Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?”*

III. What are the five “Woes” that bring God’s judgment?

1. Habakkuk 2:6 -

2. Habakkuk 2:9 -

3. Habakkuk 2:12 -

4. Habakkuk 2:15 -

5. Habakkuk 2:19 -