

The Minor Prophets: **Habakkuk**

Key Passage

Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 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.

19 God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Overview of Habakkuk

One-word summary for Habakkuk: ***Faith***

Outline:

1:1-1:11 – First Conversation

a. Habakkuk's Lament (1:2-4)

b. God's Response (1:5-11)

1:12-2:20 – Second Conversation

a. Habakkuk's lament (1:12-2:1)

b. God's Response (2:2-20)

3:1-19 – Habakkuk's Prayer

3 Essential Gospel truths in Habakkuk:

1) God invites His people to ask hard questions like "where are you?" and "why aren't you fixing this?" in the midst of difficulties and suffering. And God responds.

2) Even broken people, evil things, and our sin can be used by God to bring about His glory.

3) Just like God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, God will deliver His people from injustice and evil. All He asks of His people is to trust Him – "the righteous live by faith"

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Questions to think about:

- 1) In one sentence: What is Habakkuk about?

- 2) Have you ever asked God the questions Habakkuk does in the opening verses? Why or why not?

- 3) Habakkuk remembers God's redemptive work in the Exodus, and it restores his confidence in God. How can reading and knowing the things God has done in the past help you in present circumstances.

- 4) If you only had Habakkuk, how would you share the gospel with someone who doesn't know Christ?

NEXT WEEK: Haggai