



**Series: The Minor Prophets**

**Lesson: 36. Habakkuk, pt. 2 – God Is**

**Paying Attention**

**Passage: Hab. 2**

- Habakkuk's \_\_\_\_\_ (v1)
  - Despite how frustrated he was, his response is to wait \_\_\_\_\_ on God's answer.
  - We should bring our frustration and confusion to God, but with \_\_\_\_\_ that recognizes we might be wrong.
  - He is thinking of his \_\_\_\_\_ to share what he learns from God.

***Ezek. 3:17–21** – “Son of man, **I have appointed you a watchman** to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. <sup>18</sup>When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>19</sup>Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself. <sup>20</sup>Again, when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an obstacle before him, he will die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his*

*righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup>However, if you have warned the righteous man that the righteous should not sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself.” (cf. 33:1–10)*

• **God’s Response:** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv2–3)

- God’s response WILL come to pass!
  
- God’s timing is not our timing.

*2 Pet. 3:8–9 – But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

• **God’s Response:** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv4–5)

- God will \_\_\_\_\_ between the righteous and the unrighteous.
  
- If you’re \_\_\_\_\_, you’re fine.
  - Faith=faithfulness (in Hebrew)
  - It’s not salvation by works; it’s what characterizes the righteous and from where they find their security.
  - Worldly circumstances are not necessarily a sign of God’s favor.

- How the New Testament expands this message:

*Rom. 1:16–17 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “**But the righteous man shall live by faith.**”*

- One of the biggest outcomes of the Gospel is that God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is affirmed as seen in believers through their faith.

*Gal. 3:10–11 – For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.” <sup>11</sup>Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “**The righteous man shall live by faith.**”*

- Works themselves don’t bring life; the \_\_\_\_\_ behind those works does.

*Heb. 10:35–39 – Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup>For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. <sup>37</sup>“**For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay.** <sup>38</sup>**But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him.**” <sup>39</sup>But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.*

- Those whose faith \_\_\_\_\_ to the end will receive the promise.

○ Those who stay true to God will be \_\_\_\_\_.

• **God's Response: \_\_\_\_\_! (vv6–20)**

○ God is still holy and just and will ultimately punish all wickedness.

○ The first woe: for \_\_\_\_\_ gain (vv6–8)

▪ What you reap is what you sow!

○ The second woe: for robbing others to make themselves more \_\_\_\_\_ (vv9–11)

▪ They were increasing their shame instead of their security.

○ The third woe: for excessive \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 12–14)

▪ Sin must be punished for God's glory to be pervasive.

▪ V14 is almost exactly the same as Is. 11:9—Isaiah describes the *establishment* of God's Kingdom; Habakkuk describes the *essence* of God's Kingdom.

○ The fourth woe: for \_\_\_\_\_ their neighbors (vv 15–17)

▪ Because they made their neighbors drink from their cup, God will make them drink from His (cf. Jer. 25:15–29).

▪ Wickedness is wickedness when done to ANY of God's Creation.

○ The fifth woe: for \_\_\_\_\_ (vv18–20)

- They were living out Rom. 1:25:

*For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

- Trusting in something you create is essentially trusting in \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Do We Do with This Text?

1. Live by \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ God.

**Blanks:** Posture, patiently, humility, responsibility, Certainty, Salvation, distinguish, faithful, righteousness, faith, perseveres, vindicated, Woe, unlawful, security, violence, shaming, idolatry, yourself, faith, trust