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Habakkuk- A Faith that Shines in the Darkness

God Answers Habakkuk

Habakkuk 2:2-20

Habakkuk is perched on the wall. He is waiting for the Lord to respond to his complaints against the Lord's chosen plan. The Lord answers Habakkuk at great length, confirming he has a plan. In the Lord's answer, He instructs Habakkuk to record the vision he will see. This vision is to be made plain, well known, and permanent. The Lord's vision to Habakkuk contains a prophecy that will be fulfilled at the "appointed time." This prophecy informs Habakkuk that God is not ignoring wickedness and iniquity. God's judgment is announced through five woes. Each woe can be described as poetic justice, as each judgment inflicted upon them is a direct result of the wickedness they inflict on others. Finally, the vision ends with God seated on His throne, as ruler over His creation.

I. The Lord's answer confirms He has a plan. (Hab. 2:2-5)

1. The prophecy has an appointed time.
2. The prophecy points to the end.
3. The prophecy is truthful.
4. The prophecy requires patience.

II. The Lord's answer promises judgment against the wicked. (Hab. 2:6-19)

1. Robber robbed (2:6-8)
2. Secure dismantled (2:9-11)
3. Cruel discarded (2:12-14)
4. Immoral shamed (2:15-17)
5. Idolatrous powerless (2:18-19)

III. The Lord's answer displays His glory to the world. (Hab. 2:20)

Study Questions:

1. Why are the 10 Commandments plain, known, and permanent? Why or why not is Habakkuk's vision plain, known, and permanent?
2. Which of the 5 woes do you find most poetic? Why?
3. How have you seen God execute His judgment in the world, America, and the church? How is His judgment true to His word?
5. Why do idols rob God of His glory? What idols do you need to destroy in your life?
6. How does the reminder that God sits enthroned in His temple bring you comfort today?
7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?