

HABAKKUK

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The Prophet For Complainers

Part 2 – “Justice”

Habakkuk 2:1-20

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#1 Watch (2:1)

a. The context

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b. The what (1)

Habakkuk 2:1

¹ I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

#2 Wait (2:2-5)

a. Write it (2)

Habakkuk 2:2

² Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.”

#2 Wait (2:2-5)

b. Wait for it (3)

Habakkuk 2:3

**3“For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly
come and will not delay.”**

Psalm 27:14

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

#2 Wait (2:2-5)

c. Trust Me (4-5)

Habakkuk 2:4-5

4 “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright — but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness — ⁵ indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples.”

Romans 1:17

17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Galatians 3:11

11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.”

Hebrews 10:37-38

37 For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.” **38** And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”

#3 Woe (2:6-20)

a. For extortion and murder (6-8)

Habakkuk 2:6-8

⁶ “Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on? ⁷ Will not your creditors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble?”

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Habakkuk 2:6-8

6 “Then you will become their prey. 8 Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed human blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.”

#3 Woe (2:6-20)

b. For unjust gain (9-11)

Habakkuk 2:9-11

9 “Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain, setting his nest on high to escape the clutches of ruin! ¹⁰ You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. ¹¹ The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.”

#3 Woe (2:6-20)

c. For violence and bloodshed (12-14)

Habakkuk 2:12-14

12 “Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by injustice! 13 Has not the Lord Almighty determined that the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? 14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

#3 Woe (2:6-20)

d. For drunkenness, sexual abuse and violence against animals (15-17)

Habakkuk 2:15-17

15 “Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies! 16 You will be filled with shame instead of glory. Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be exposed!”

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Habakkuk 2:15-17

“The cup from the Lord’s right hand is coming around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory. ¹⁷ The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed human blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.”

#3 Woe (2:6-20)

e. For idolatry (18-19)

Habakkuk 2:18-19

18 “Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman? Or an image that teaches lies? For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak.

19 Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’ Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’ Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it.”





Response: (20)

Habakkuk 2:20

**²⁰ The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth
be silent before him.**

Honor:

Malachi 1:6

6 “A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says the Lord Almighty.

Revelation 4:11

11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Psalm 33:18

18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love...

Obedience:

John 14:15

15 “If you love me, keep my commands.”

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