

The Burden of Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1:1

Main Point:

Learn from Habakkuk to live in your times of trial by faith in Jesus Christ.

1. You need to hear the burden of Habakkuk.
2. Because it addresses the seeming discrepancies you encounter in life.
3. Because it addresses the objections you can have to God's sovereign activity.
4. Because it addresses the struggle of living in the time between promise and fulfillment.
5. Because it directs you how to live in these trying times: by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Chronicles 36:5, 8 5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God ... 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, indeed they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah ... (NKJV)

John Currid "Habakkuk's vision is his burden that he must unload on the people."

Habakkuk 1:2 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save. (NKJV)

Martyn Lloyd-Jones "Here was a man greatly troubled by what was happening. He was anxious to reconcile what he saw with what he believed."

Habakkuk 1:13 13 *You are* of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, *And* hold Your tongue when the wicked devours *A person* more righteous than he? (NKJV)

Habakkuk 2:8 8 Because you have plundered many nations, All the remnant of the people shall plunder you, Because of men's blood And the violence of the land *and* the city, And of all who dwell in it. (NKJV)

Habakkuk 2:3 3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come ... (NKJV)

Habakkuk 2:4 4 "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith. (NKJV)

Romans 1:17 17 For in [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "*The just shall live by faith.*" (NKJV)

Galatians 3:11 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for "*the just shall live by faith.*" (NKJV)

Hebrews 10:38 38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." (NKJV)

Habakkuk 3:17-18 17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. (NKJV)

Rodger Crooks "We can view Habakkuk as a diary the prophet kept of a spiritual journey he made 'from fear to faith'."

Anthony Selvaggio "Habakkuk is talking about real life; he is talking about having faith in God in the face of despair. This is a timeless message."