

Outline: The Book of Habakkuk

I. The perplexity of the prophet (chapter 1)

- A.** The prophet's first problem (v1-4)
- B.** God's response (v5-11)
- C.** The prophet's second problem (v12-17)

II. The perspicuity of the prophet (chapter 2)

- A.** The prophet's practice (v1)
- B.** The prophet's patience (v2-3)
- C.** The prophet's pageant (v4)
- D.** The prophet's parable (v5-20)

III. The pleasure of the prophet (chapter 3)

- A.** The prayer of the prophet (v1-2)
- B.** The program of God (v3-15)
- C.** The position of the prophet (v16-19)

Discussion Questions: Habakkuk

Chapter one

1. How does Habakkuk's outcry in verses 1:1-4 resonate with situations in the world today?
2. Can you identify with Habakkuk's confusion about God's silence during tumultuous times?
3. How does the notion of God using a wicked nation (Babylonians) to fulfill His plans challenge your understanding of divine justice?
4. How can we reconcile the reality of evil in the world with the existence of a good and loving God?

5. What does this chapter teach us about honesty in prayer and our communication with God?

Chapter two

1. Reflect on the patience Habakkuk shows in waiting for God's answer. Can you recall a situation when you had to wait for God's guidance?
2. In what ways does Habakkuk 2:4 ("the righteous will live by his faith") resonate with your own life?
3. Discuss the implications of the five woes. How do they apply to our society today?
4. What does this chapter reveal about God's attitude towards wealth obtained unjustly?
5. How does God's response in Habakkuk in this chapter provide comfort in today's world where injustices often seem to prevail?

Chapter three

1. What does Habakkuk's prayer teach us about approaching God in times of fear and uncertainty?
2. How does the vision of God's power in verses 3-15 comfort Habakkuk?
3. How does the imagery used in this chapter shape our understanding of God's character and power?
4. How can we, like Habakkuk, learn to rejoice in the Lord amidst distressing situations?
5. In verse 2, Habakkuk asks God to "remember mercy". What does this suggest about his understanding of God's nature?