

Giving Thanks in a VERY, VERY Strange Year!

Thanksgiving 2020 Book of Habakkuk (all 3 chapters!)

Okay, this has been the strangest year in my life! What about you? Habakkuk had one also!!

This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received ²How long, O Lord, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save. ³Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. ⁴The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted. Habakkuk 1:1-4

(Wow sounds like America now!)

This Old Testament book is probably the most **RELEVANT** book for us today!

PEACE is not a subtraction of our problems but the addition of God's power to meet our problems!

Key Verse in Habakkuk (2:4 NKJV) **"But the just shall live by His faith."**

And how do we get more FAITH? Romans 10 by hearing/reading the Word God!

Faith "Helpers" for a Really Strange Year! (May even get stranger in 2021)

1. Faith Helps Us Get Our Eyes Off Ourselves and on Jesus! *How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save....I watch.....I look....I see...I am surrounded....* Habakkuk 1:2

>God Does NOT Operate on Our **Timetable!** (1-2) *But you do not listen!...but you do not come to save.*

>God Does NOT Have Eye (I) Problems! (3-4) ³Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. ⁴The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted. Habakkuk 1:3-4

>God Does NOT Owe Us **Explanations!** (5) *The Lord replied, Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I Am doing something in your own day, **something you wouldn't believe** even if someone told you about it.* Habakkuk 1:5
.... surely you do not plan to wipe us out? Habakkuk 1:12 (Probably wouldn't understand it either)

>God DOES Work in **Mysterious Ways!** (6-7)
⁶I am raising up the Babylonians, a cruel and violent people..... ⁷They are notorious for their cruelty and do whatever they like..... surely you do not plan to wipe us out? Habakkuk 1:6-7,12
"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. Isaiah 55:8

2. Faith Helps Us See Things From His Perspective (2) *I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guard post. There **I will wait** to see what the LORD says & how He will answer my complaint.* Habakkuk 2:1

When Habakkuk got a "little higher" he saw things much differently. **HE SAW...**

>God's Word is **Dependable** (2-3) *Then the LORD said to me, "Write My answer plainly on tablets, It describes the end, and **it will be fulfilled**. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently for **it will surely take place. It will not be delayed....**"* Habakkuk 2:2-3

>God Still Changes Lives (4) *But the just shall live by His faith.* (in the Bible 4x)
The only thing that will change America is **FAITH** = Changed Lives Romans 1:24-32

>**God Still Judges Sin** (5-6) *Wealth is treacherous, and the arrogant are never at rest. They open their mouths as wide as the grave, and like death, they are never satisfied... In their greed But soon their captives will taunt them. They will mock them, saying 'What sorrow awaits you thieves! Now you will get what you deserve! You've become rich by extortion, but how much longer can this go on?'*

Habakkuk 2:5-6

>**God is Still on His Throne** (14, 20) *For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the Lord.....*

Habakkuk 2:14

But the Lord is in His holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Just cause You can't see God working doesn't mean He's not at work

3. Faith Helps Us Sing His Praises! (3) *This prayer was **sung** by the prophet Habakkuk : ²I have heard all about you, Lord. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy. ³**I see God moving** across the deserts from Edom, **the Holy One coming** from Mount Paran. **His brilliant splendor fills the heavens**, and **the earth is filled with His praise.***

Habakkuk 3:1-3

> **We Need to Sing About His Glory!** (3) *I see GOD....His brilliant splendor fills the heavens, and the earth is filled with his praise. ⁴His coming is as brilliant as the sunrise. Rays of light flash from his hands where his awesome power is hidden... He is the Eternal One!* **He's the Great I AM!**

> **We Need to Sing About His Goodness!** (17-18) *Even though yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!..* **He's a Good, Good Father!**

> **We Need to Sing About His Grace!** (19) *The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.....* **He has Amazing Grace!**



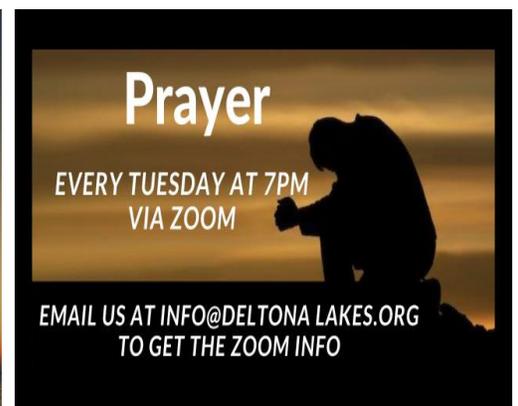
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