



“Faith Faces Evil Times” – Part 1

Habakkuk 1:1-17 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – We are in a sermon series on faith. Today, we open the book of Habakkuk to discover how to live by faith in evil times.

I. Habakkuk’s Burden.

- A. “Oracle” in Hebrew means “burden.”
- B. Habakkuk is witnessing moral corruption inside the city of Jerusalem, and military threats coming from outside.
- C. Habakkuk’s first burden is that God hasn’t been answering his prayers about the evil among and coming upon God’s people.
- D. Habakkuk’s prayer is a series of questions about what God is doing and why He is allowing evil.

II. Habakkuk’s Crisis of Faith.

- A. God’s answer to Habakkuk stuns him, leading to a crisis in his faith in God.
- B. How can God answer the violence and injustice with more violence and injustice, God is Holy!

- C. Habakkuk is asking questions struggling with doubts.

III. Habakkuk’s Steps of Faith.

- A. Habakkuk is wrestling with God in prayer while at the same time challenging God for an explanation.
- B. Habakkuk is allowed to do this because of God’s grace.
- C. Why Habakkuk is so upset, wrestling with God in prayer.
- D. Habakkuk shows us the first two steps we must take in evil times.
 - 1. To walk by faith, we must remain _____.
 - 2. To walk by faith, we must _____ and _____.

Conclusion.