



“Faith Faces Evil” – Part 2

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

I. Habakkuk’s Burden and Crisis of Faith.

- A. Habakkuk is witnessing moral corruption and injustice inside the city of Jerusalem, and prays complaining to God that He hasn’t been answering his prayers about the evil among God’s people.
- B. Habakkuk chapters 1 and 2 are a unique interchange between Habakkuk and God. Habakkuk asks a series of questions about what God is doing and why He is allowing evil, and the God responds with His answer.
- C. God responds to the evil in Jerusalem by saying that He is sending more evil from the Babylonians.
- D. God’s answer leads to a further crisis of faith for Habakkuk.

II. Habakkuk Begins to Walk by Faith.

- A. First, Habakkuk doesn’t abandon God, he draws closer to Him.
- B. Second, Habakkuk Prays and pours out his heart to God, on the basis of his personal relationship with God and the knowledge of who God is.
- C. But God tries to help Habakkuk understand that he has a very limited understanding of God’s perspective.

III. Habakkuk’s Limited Understanding.

- A. We have a historical perspective that Habakkuk didn’t have.
- B. Consider the evil done to Joseph in the book of Genesis.
- C. Consider that even if God told us what He is doing we wouldn’t believe it.
- D. God is sovereign and paradoxically, God brings salvation out of judgment, justice out of injustice.

Conclusion.