

Victorious Faith

Introduction:

- A. When you read the morning paper or watch the evening news, what do learn about? Violence, evil, and injustice.
- B. The prophet Habakkuk lived in such a time. - Habakkuk 1:2; cf. 2 Kings 21:1-9,16
- C. In the Lord's answers to Habakkuk's urgent inquiry are great principles of faith for all time. - Habakkuk 2:4
- D. What should my attitude be when my world is wicked and unjust?

I. Habakkuk's Problems and God's Answers

A. First Problem and Answer

- 1. How can the Lord justify His indifference to injustice? - 1:2-4
- 2. God is not indifferent; He will execute judgment. - 1:5-6

B. Second Problem and Answer

- 1. How can God employ a wicked and godless agent? - 1:13
- 2. Babylon will also be destroyed. - 2:8,14

II. Principles Habakkuk Learned

A. God rules. - 2:19-20; cf. Psalm 11:4

B. God's rule is righteous.

- 1. The just shall live by faith. - 1:12. 2:4; cf. Deuteronomy 6:24-25
- 2. Evil is self-destructive. - 2:8

C. God's rule is for the salvation of His people. - 1:12; 3:13

III. Applications of Principles: Our faith will be victorious over doubt and despair if we:

- A. Hear God's word. - 2:1
- B. Submit to God's will without murmuring. - 2:20
- C. Take our problems to God in prayer. - 3:1-2
- D. Trust God to do right. - 3:16-19

Conclusion:

- A. Tell the story of the little girl on board ship who was calm in the storm at sea while all those around were terrified. Her father was the captain, and she trusted him.
- B. Our Father both guides the ship and controls the storm. - 2:20
- C. By faith we shall live. - 2:4
- D. Regardless of life's circumstances, trust Him to do right.
- E. Humbly submit to His will.