**A Glimpse into God’s Redemptive Plan**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 31: Habakkuk

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**SERMON NOTES**

*Question: Does God want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the lives of His children?*

1. **The Prophet Questions God’s Ways**

Prophet: Why do you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ violence and injustice to go on unchecked in Israel? (1:2-4)

God: I am sending Babylon to \_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel’s sin. (1:5-11)

Prophet: But they are more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Israel! They slaughter nations! (1:12-17)

*The Righteous*

*Live by Faith!*

God: Their sin will \_\_\_\_\_\_ to them (2:2-20)

* The nations they’ve plundered with plunder them (6-8).
* The secure house they’ve built through violence will be divided (9-11).
* Their city, built on blood, will be destroyed by the Lord of armies (12-14).
* Their shaming of nations will turn into their shame (15-17).
* Their idols will be proven powerless before God (18-20)

1. **Habakkuk Prays for Mercy** (3:1-19)
2. Based on God’s demonstrated covenant faithfulness (1-2)
3. Recounting God’s mighty deeds as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a coming victory (3-15)
4. Confessing fear and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (16)
5. Giving praise to God no matter the circumstance (17-19)

*Habakkuk’s vision reminds him that God’s plan is to rescue His people again, so he can patiently worship through any present challenge.*

**Conclusion:** We can worship God for His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our lives.

Answers: ***good*,** allow, **judge,** wicked, **return,** picture, **faith,** perfect designs

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

**Bible study:** Read Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:16-17, Galatians 3:10-11, and Hebrews 10:35-38.

1. 1. Looking at the context in which God gives this quote in Habakkuk, to what is He contrasting the life of the righteous? What point is God making by saying this here?
2. 2. How do the New Testament writers apply this quote from Habakkuk?
3. Look at the prophet’s question of God in 1:2-4 and God’s answer in 1:5-11. Based on the response of the prophet (1:12-17), is that the answer he had hoped for? Have you ever gotten an answer from God that you wouldn’t have wanted?
4. Why was God’s answer to the prophet the right one? Have you had opportunity to see how God’s answer for you (above) was the right answer?
5. In 3:3-15, God gave Habakkuk a vision of His future deliverance of His people, using imagery from His past work on their behalf. See how striking 3:16 is. How do you think we would respond if we knew God’s ultimate plans for each of us in time and eternity?
6. Read 3:17-19. Does this remind you of anyone else in the Bible who experienced evil in their life? What needs to happen for us to reach this level of faith?

**Prayer from Habakkuk**

“God, I will praise you even if (*insert something you dread*), knowing that your plans for me are good.”