

Message Notes

"God, where are you? Do you tolerate evil?"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *Majoring on a Minor: A short intro to the minor prophets*

Timeframe:

Purpose:

What's going on in Habakkuk?

Author:

Historical Background:

Outline of the Book of Habakkuk:

Five major themes in the book that are repeated throughout the Bible

Habakkuk 2:4

Habakkuk 2:14

Habakkuk 2:20

Habakkuk 3:18-19

Habakkuk 3:20

Let's get into it!

1. The Oracle of Habakkuk (Habakkuk 1:1)
2. Habakkuk's First Complaint (Habakkuk 1:2-4)
 - a. How Long? (vr. 2)
Psalm 131:3
 - b. Why? (vr 3a)
Matthew 27:46
 - c. Facts (vr 3b)
 - d. Four "Therefores" (vr 4)
 - i. Law is paralyzed
 - ii. Justice never prevails
 - iii. Wicked hem in the righteous
 - iv. Justice is perverted

Applications

1. How do you complain to God?
Romans 9:19-20, Job 42:7-8
2. The silence is deafening... waiting

1 Chronicles 25:1

¹David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals.

Habakkuk 2:4

⁴"See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright – but the righteous will live by his faith

Habakkuk 2:14

¹⁴For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:20

²⁰But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him."

Habakkuk 3:17-18

¹⁷Though the fig-tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.

Habakkuk 3:19

¹⁹The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

Habakkuk 1:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received. ²How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Psalms 131:3

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me? ²How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? ³Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death.

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" – which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Romans 9:19-20

¹⁹One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" ²⁰But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"

Job 42:7-8

⁷After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. ⁸So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has."