

Introduction – "How to handle the Word of God"

An Experiential Sermon

A quick recap

1. A Silent God and a Loud Prophet
Habakkuk 1:1-4
2. God does the unexpected
Habakkuk 1:5-11
3. "You're going to do WHAT?!?"
Habakkuk 1:12-17

Waiting for God

Habakkuk 2:1

The God who is NOT Silent

A. God speaks clearly, powerfully, and in his own time
(Habakkuk 2:2-3)

B. "Puffed Up" vrs. Righteousness
(Habakkuk 2:4-5)

Romans 1:15-17

Galatians 3:11-14

Hebrews 10:35-39

C. "I will not tolerate treachery!"
(Habakkuk 2:6-20)

Five Woes

1. Woe #1 (2:6b-8)
2. Woe #2 (2:9-11)
3. Woe #3 (2:12-14)
4. Woe #4 (2:15-17)
5. Woe #5 (2:18-20)

Application – "Come to the Table!"

Habakkuk 2:1-20

¹I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. ²Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴"See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright – but the righteous will live by his faith – "indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples. ⁶"Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, ⁷"Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?" ⁸Will not your debtors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble? Then you will become their victim. ⁹Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. ¹⁰"Woe to him who builds his realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin! ¹¹You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. ¹²The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it. ¹³"Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime! ¹⁴Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? ¹⁵For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁶"Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies. ¹⁷You will be filled with shame instead of glory. Now it is your turn! Drink and be exposed! The cup from the LORD's right hand is coming round to you, and disgrace will cover your glory. ¹⁸The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. ¹⁹"Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak. ²⁰"Woe to him who says to wood, 'Come to life!' Or to lifeless stone, 'Wake up!' Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it. ²¹But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him."

Romans 1:15-17

¹⁵That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome. ¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Galatians 3:11-14

¹¹Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." ¹²The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." ¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Hebrews 10:35-39

³⁵So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. ³⁸But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." ³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

Isaiah 44:9-20 - see screen or use a pew Bible