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# HABAKKUK: From Fear to Faith

Lesson Three • Habakkuk 2:4-20 When It Appears Sin Goes Unpunished

#### When It Appears Sin Goes Unpunished

God assures us that justice DELAYED is not justice FORGOTTEN.

#### Two Kinds of People in the World

The <u>PROUD</u> (people who trust themselves and submit to no one) and the <u>RIGHTEOUS</u> (people who trust God and submit to God).

Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:4

## 4. Woe to Those Who EXPLOIT OTHERS!

*God's Judgment on Babylon* Babylon's glory will be turned to <u>SHAME</u> (v. 15-17).

### 5. Woe to Those Who WORSHIP IDOLS!

God's Judgment on Babylon Babylon's idols will be exposed as <u>WORTHLESS</u> (v. 18-20).

Habakkuk's Question

Does God leave <u>SIN</u> unpunished?

God's Answer

God will judge <u>ALL SIN</u>, including the sins of the Babylonians and the sins of His own people in Judah.

Nobody gets away with anything. We can always trust God's promises, even if we can't always understand His ways.

#### Lessons of Hope to Embrace

God's <u>GLORY</u> will fill the earth.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14

God still <u>REIGNS</u> on His throne.

But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. Habakkuk 2:20

God offers <u>GRACE</u> to those who trust Him.

But the righteous shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:4

#### Five Woes of God's Judgment

### 1. Woe to Those Who STEAL RICHES!

God's Judgment on Babylon Babylon's riches will be PLUNDERED (v. 6-8).

### 2. Woe to Those Who GAIN UNJUSTLY!

God's Judgment on Babylon Babylon's security will become UNSECURED (v. 9-11).

### 3. Woe to Those Who HURT PEOPLE!

#### God's Judgment on Babylon

Babylon's civilization will be replaced with DEVASTATION (v. 12-14).