

An Invitation To The Life You're Searching For

Habakkuk 1:2-3:18

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I. An invitation to take your doubts to God, but not to live in them.

Habakkuk 1:2-4 “O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.”

Habakkuk 1:5-6 “Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. ⁶ For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own.”

Habakkuk 2:1 “I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.”

II. An invitation to live a life of faith.

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

- a. Two traps of modern life
 - 1. Self-centered faith
 - 2. Anemic faith
- b. God is working to bring a knowledge of Himself to every square inch of creation.

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

What faith believes.

- 1. Faith believes that God is too wise to make a mistake.
- 2. Faith believes that God is too kind to be cruel.
- 3. Faith believes that God always knows best and does best in His time.
- 4. Faith believes that God is in control, and therefore we can rest easily.

5. Faith believes that when we cannot trace the hand of God, we must trust the heart of God.

III. An invitation to joy - what you've been searching for.

Habakkuk 3:17-18 "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."

Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

-C.S. Lewis *The Weight of Glory*