

Habakkuk 1:5-11 –Adversity Provides Astounding Answers about God’s Sovereignty

Habakkuk’s 1st Questioning of God about His People’s Injustice

- 1:1 The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.
- 2 How long, O LORD, will I call for help,
And You will not hear?
I cry out to You, “**Violence!**”
Yet You do not save.
- 3 Why do You make me see iniquity,
And cause *me* to look on wickedness?
Yes, destruction and violence are before me;
Strife exists and contention arises.
- 4 Therefore the law is ignored
And justice is never upheld.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
Therefore justice comes out perverted.

God’s Response

- 5 “Look among the nations! Observe!
Be astonished! Wonder!
Because *I am* doing something in your
days—
You would not believe if you were told.
- 6 “For behold, I am raising up the
Chaldeans,
That fierce and impetuous people
Who march throughout the earth
To seize dwelling places which are not
theirs.
- 7 “They are dreaded and feared;
Their justice and authority originate with
themselves.
- 8 “Their horses are swifter than leopards
And keener than wolves in the evening.
Their horsemen come galloping,
Their horsemen come from afar;
They fly like an eagle swooping *down* to devour.
- 9 “All of them come for violence
Their horde of faces *moves* forward.
They collect captives like sand.
- 10 “They mock at kings
And rulers are a laughing matter to them.
They laugh at every fortress
And heap up rubble to capture it.
- 11 “Then they will sweep through *like* the wind and pass
on.
But they will be held guilty,
They whose strength is their god.”

God’s Sovereignty...

1. Is clarified in the big picture - Look _____
 - a. Our perspective on situations are always so LIMITED
 - b. We need GOD’s _____ perspective to begin to understand
 - c. Starts with lifting our sights off present distress
2. Is not always comforting – Look _____

3. Is orchestrating retributive justice - Look _____
 - a. God is not mocked-- you reap what you sow in increasing measure
 - b. According to His Word. Compare Hab 1:8 with Deut 29
4. Will not let His competition thrive for long – Look _____

The Book of Habakkuk

