

"Habakkuk: Hero of Faith" Habakkuk

Life is difficult and often painful. In the midst of that pain, you can either rely upon yourself to make it through, trusting in your money, strength, connections, intellect, or entertainment to make life work, or you can rely upon God in faith, trusting that He will get you through the pain. One option works and brings God's blessing into your life. The other doesn't, and brings you only His judgment.

Genesis 1:31

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was **very good**.

Job 14:1

Man, born of woman, lives but a few days, and they are **full of trouble**.

Hab 1: Q&A

- **Hab (v1-4):** "How can you allow corruption to go unpunished?"
- **God (v5-11):** "I'm about to act. Hold still while I fix your nation with my Babylonian sledgehammer!"
- **Hab (v12-17):** "Their worse than us! How can you allow such evil to come upon us?!"

Hab 2: Two Ways to respond to hard times

The Question God Answers:

"How do I make it through the painful times in life?"

1) Lives by pride: relies on self

- Rely on my \$, possessions
- Rely on my strength
- Rely on relationships
- Rely on my intellect
- Rely on entertainment

God's evaluation: "not right"
Result: "will die"

Judgment

2) Lives by faith: relies on God

- Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave you..."
- Romans 8:28 "God causes all things to work together for good..."
- Revelation 21:1-4 "no longer any mourning, or crying, or pain..."

God's evaluation: "righteous"
Result: "will live"

Blessing

Hab 3: How to grow your faith

3:1-7 worship

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3:8-15 gratitude

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3:16-19 extraordinary faith