

Message Notes

"I don't get it, but You are my only hope"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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Application – *"How does your fear lead to faith?"*

Habakkuk 3:1-19

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Habakkuk

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1. Habakkuk's First B. Q.

Habakkuk 1:2-4

²How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.



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~ F. F. Bruce

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2. God's Response to Habakkuk's Complaint

Habakkuk 1:5-10

⁵“Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. ⁶I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling-places not their own. ⁷They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor.

Is he safe?

"Safe?" said Mr Beaver; "don't you hear what Mrs Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's *good*. He's the King, I tell you."



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3. *Habakkuk's response is a protest*

Habakkuk 1:13

¹³Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;
you cannot tolerate wrong.

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?
Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up
those more righteous than themselves?

Fairness

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Justice

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4. *“I am just!” Five woes for the Babylonians:*

Habakkuk 2:6

⁶“Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying,

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Habakkuk 2:6b-8

“Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?’ ⁷Will not your debtors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble? Then you will become their victim. ⁸Because 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.

Extortion



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Habakkuk 2:9-11

⁹“Woe to him who builds his realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin! ¹⁰You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. ¹¹The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.

Unjust Gain



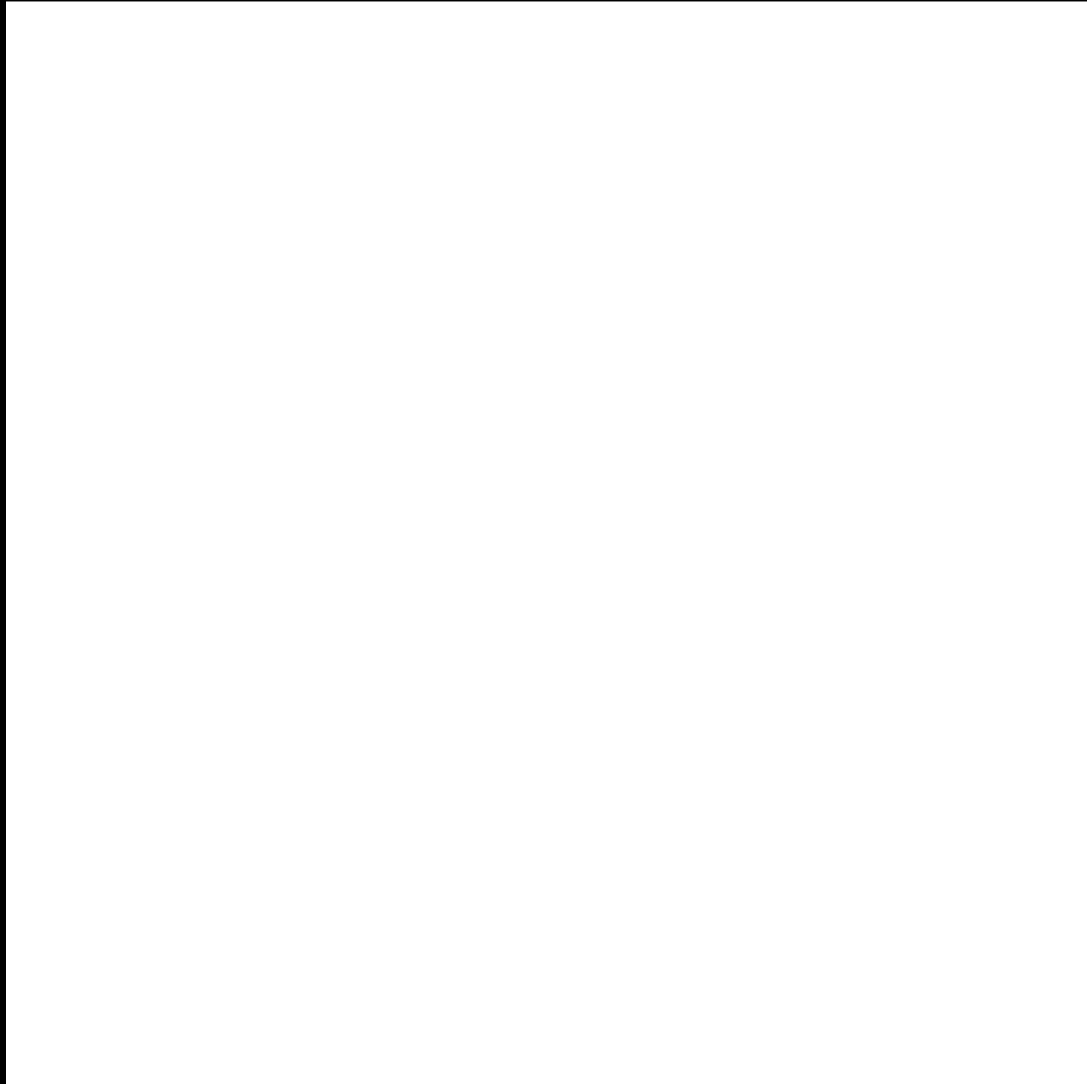
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Habakkuk 2:12-14

¹²“Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime! ¹³Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? ¹⁴For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Violence for personal gain



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Habakkuk 2:15-17

¹⁵"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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷The 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.

Exploitation



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Habakkuk 2:18-20

¹⁸“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. ¹⁹Woe 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. ²⁰But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.”

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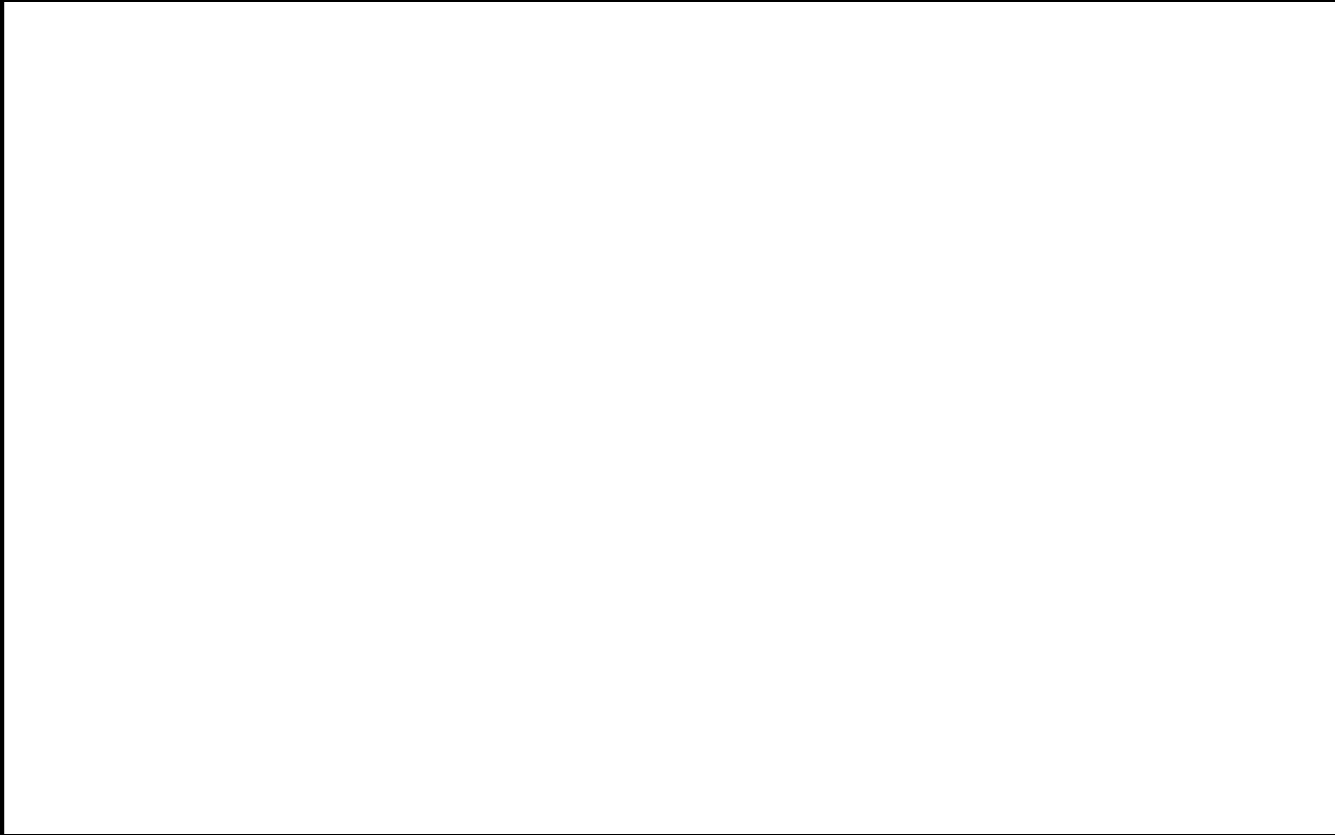
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