

The Bible - Week 22 (June 6th)

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Habakkuk

Author: Habakkuk, a prophet from Judaea

Date: 600-610 BCE

Audience: To the leadership, both religious and political, who were oppressing the working class

Reason: As with many Prophets he wanted to express the holiness of God but he also was wrestling with his own personal questions and those come out in this writing.

Theme: The righteous people will live by faith.

Key Verse:

Habakkuk 2:4 CEB

Some people's desires

are truly audacious;

they don't do the right thing.

But the righteous person

will live honestly.

Sections: The First Question (Chapter 1:1-11), The Second Question (Chapter 1:12-2:20), The Prayer (Chapter 3)

Key Words: Pride, Woe, Faith, Why

Basic Intro: Habakkuk would have made a good Rabbi, he questioned everything. He would wrestle with something until it fit. And like all of us who wrestle with God, there are some wrestlings that don't work out in our favor. There are some answers we don't get to know.

Questions for Discussion:

- **No matter how good of a Christian we think we are, it is highly likely that there will be some part of ourselves that we believe proper that also is contradicted in scripture. How do you deal with this? (It is what Habakkuk was doing)**
- **What is the first Question and what is God's answer?**
- **What is the second Question and God's answer?**
- **In this work, it appears that God has not spoken in a while, then God does and it's a bummer. Then God is quiet again and we are left in an uncomfortable situation. What does this book teach you about the process of waiting on the Lord?**