

THE GOD OF ALL CAUSE

Habakkuk 1.1-11

HABAKKUK: A BACKGROUND

Habakkuk was a prophet of Israel who began his ministry around 609BC, about 325 years after Solomon's reign. After Solomon's reign, Israel was divided, with 10 Tribes of Israel in the Northern Kingdom, still called "Israel," and the two remaining Tribes in the Southern Kingdom, called "Judah." All the kings of Israel after Solomon did evil in God's sight, as did most of the kings of Judah. Habakkuk was observing Judah, lamenting over their wickedness and ignoring of God and His Law.

GOD RAISES UP AN ENEMY

Habakkuk complains to God of Judah's wickedness, begging God to intervene, and God replies, telling him that He is indeed raising up a disciplinarian, but it is in the form of a wicked nation, the Chaldeans, also known as the Babylonians.

Exodus 4.11 / 1 Peter 4.19 // Philippians 1.29 // 2 Corinthians 4.16-18
James 1.2-5 // John 11.1-14

THE COMING KING

The story in Habakkuk, and the rest of the bible, is not just to give us instruction and example for how to live and believe. But it also gives us another glimpse into the massive, amazing story of God.

We see through the whole course of the Old Testament, God's enduring faithfulness towards a people who continually turn their back. Even here, as Habakkuk cries out for God's Kingdom to come, God brings about a plan that is hard to believe and seemingly contrary to His end goal, but we see that it is all for that exact and stated end goal, to see His glory be made known among the nations.

Romans 11.33-36



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Habakkuk 1.1-11**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

This is a challenging section of Scripture. If you were to put your story and trials in **verses 5 and 6**, what part of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus would you need to preach to yourself to keep yourself trusting God in the face of trials and suffering?

Repent and Ask for Provision

Habakkuk sees the sin of his countrymen clearly, and he begs God to do something. What sin in your own life do you see clearly, and maybe have even recognized, but have not yet actually repented of? Acknowledging (confession) is different than actual repenting (turning from).

Your Life Mission

Understanding God and the way He works in this world is a helpful tool for counseling, discipleship, and evangelism. We ought to be careful how (and when) we give others our thoughts on God's role in the tragedies in our life, but what opportunities in your life with others who don't know Jesus are coming up that you need prayer for to help you come alongside them and bring them comfort, and maybe, if they are wanting it, biblical insight?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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