

CHOOSING FAITH OVER FEAR IN A TROUBLED,
CONFUSING WORLD
The Book of Habakkuk

We are living in a season when our nation is troubled and confused, a time when many are being overcome by fear about the future. As Christians, however, we are called to live by faith in the One who holds the future, and who loves His church eternally.

Our focus this morning is on the Old Testament prophet, Habakkuk, who lived at a time when his beloved nation was soon to be destroyed, and his people carried away as captives to Babylon. While he voiced to God his deep questions, even complaints, God answered by giving Habakkuk several answers to build his faith. God's plan is to do the same for us, not a faith that will trust God as long as He treats us well, but a faith that will transcend every hardship.

I. HABAKKUK'S QUESTIONING COMPLAINT

- He questioned the apparent inactivity of God. (1:2-4)

God's shocking answer (1:5-11)

- He questioned the apparent inconsistency of God. (1:12-17)

Habakkuk positions himself to wait for God's answer. (2:1)

II. GOD'S INSTRUCTIVE ANSWER (2:3-20)

- God will surely answer, but in His time! (2:2-3)
- God's will is for His children to live by faith! (2:4)
- God will one day fill the entire earth with the knowledge of His glory! (2:14)
- God is in His Holy Temple, and the earth is to keep silent before Him. (2:20)

III. HABAKKUK'S PASSIONATE RESPONSE (3:1-19)

- He asked God to mercifully bring revival even while displaying His wrath. (3:2)
- He chose an unwavering faith in the Lord rather than succumbing to fear about the difficulties he and his people would have to encounter. (3:17-18)
- He embraced God as His strength, and rejoiced over the faithful Word of God in his life. (3:19)

