

“The Assurances of an Anti-Fragile Faith”

Habakkuk 2:1-20

Pastor Art Hunt

January 13-14, 2017

Take-Home Truth: God assures believers who are impacted by evil that His justice will prevail.

Assurance #1: AS WE WATCH AND WAIT, GOD’S REVELATION WILL STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH.

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.” Habakkuk 2:1-3 (English Standard Version)

Application Question: When your faith is disoriented, where do you turn and what is the result?

Assurance #2: GOD JUSTIFIES ALL WHO TRUST IN HIM.

“Behold! The proud—his soul is not upright in him; but the justified—by his steadfast trust he shall live.” Habakkuk 2:4 (Translation by Dr. O. Palmer Robertson)

Justified = Hebrew = *saddiq* = righteousness that comes through a judicial sentence

And he [Abraham] believed the LORD, and he [God] counted it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:6 (ESV)

Application Question: Are you among “the proud” or “the justified”?

Assurance #3: GOD WINS: HIS ULTIMATE PURPOSES PREVAIL.

Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him . . . ? Habakkuk 2:6a (ESV)

Three Aspects of God's Judgment

- In His time, the Lord will establish justice by **judging the proud**.

“Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! ¹³Behold, is it not from the LORD of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing?” Habakkuk 2:12-13 (ESV)

- In His time, the Lord will **make all things right**.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)

- In His time, **the abiding Lordship** of God will prevail.

“Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. ²⁰But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.” Habakkuk 2:19-20 (ESV)