

Habakkuk 1-3 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From 2:2-5 how certain was God's plan against Babylon (v2-3) and what would happen to them (v4a, 5)? What will happen to the righteous and why (v4b)? Apply.

5. Using 2:6-11 what first two "woes" will the nations declare against Babylon (v6, 9)? What will happen to her and why (v7-8, 10-11)?

6. In 2:12-17 what third woe is pronounced (v12) and why are their actions foolish (v13-14)? What fourth woe is pronounced (v15) and what will the consequences be (v16-17)?

7. Read 2:18-20. Why is idolatry foolish (v18-19)? How is God different (v20) and how should we relate to Him (v20)?

8. From 3:1-7 what was Habakkuk's prayer (v1-2) and what was his vision of God (v3-7)? How did this answer his prayer?

9. According to 3:8-15 over what things does God have supreme power (v8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13-14, 15)? Why does He exercise this power (v13)?

10. Looking at 3:16-19 what event was coming (v16b)? What was Habakkuk's initial response (v16), but what did he resolve anyway (v17-18)? Why (v19)?

11. Summarize Habakkuk's questions and God's response. When have you felt like Habakkuk? How can you apply God's response to your life today?

Scripture to Remember

"Behold as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith."

Habakkuk 2:4 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—LiveStrong—(2 Timothy 2:1-7)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group some things that drain you during a normal week. How do you usually deal with that?
2. Read 2 Tim 2:1-7. From 2:2 what are some things that you have learned that you are passing on to others? How are you doing that? How can we do this regularly?
3. Discuss God's priority system—what it is and how we can practically follow it. How will this help "stop the drain" in your life.
4. Using the image of the athlete, why is the principle of obedience so important to stay connected to the Source? How can we practice this principle each day?
5. Discuss the 3 aspects of sowing and reaping—identification (harvest what you sow), incubation (later than you sow), and intensification (more than you sow). Apply.
6. Talk about the farmer principle—feeding yourself must precede feeding others—and how to balance this with serving the Lord and others.
7. Which of the 4 principles from the message do you need to work on most this week? Share that with the group and pray for each other to do this.



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Never Mind

Introduction to Habakkuk 1-3

In the original Saturday Night Live Gilda Radner would interrupt the Weekend Update with an angry commentary based on her misunderstanding of a word. After being corrected she responded with, "Never mind." Similarly, the prophet Habakkuk was having a difficult time understanding God's methods of dealing with the sin of His people. After God patiently revealed His reasons, Habakkuk had to say, in so many words, "Never mind." His first challenge of God was to ask how He could allow such violence and disregard for His law to continue among His people without correction. God answered by informing Habakkuk that He had appointed the Babylonians to chastise His people. They were a proud and fearsome nation who had no compas-

sion on those whom they conquered. God's choice of such sinful people to discipline Israel caused Habakkuk to challenge God again. Since God was holy and pure he wanted to know how He could use such a sinful nation to carry out His discipline on His people who were less sinful. God then corrected Habakkuk by revealing how He would eventually bring the Babylonians under His judgment. In an often quoted biblical phrase God told Habakkuk that the soul of the proud one (Babylon) was not right, but the "righteous will live by his faith". This was a corrective for Habakkuk, instructing him to just trust God and let Him do His work in His time. God would allow the evil of the Babylonians to plant their own seeds of destruction. He then pronounced five woes on



It is good when God gets in our face and straightens us up through His Word.

them—for taking what did not belong to them, for gaining wealth by evil means, for building their empire by means of bloodshed, for taking advantage of others, and for idolatry. These practices would lead to Babylon's destruction. After this expose' Habakkuk expressed his confidence in God. He knew that the entire earth would feel God's expression of wrath in judgment and watch Him bring salvation to His people. He would be Habakkuk's strength, and in light of God's answer all he could say was, "Never mind."

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Daily Study Questions for Habakkuk 1-3

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Habakkuk 1:1-4. What did Habakkuk see (v3, 4) and what did he do about it (v2)? What was his frustration (v2)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 1:5-11 what was God about to do (v6)? Describe the Chaldeans (v6-10) and how God would respond to them (v11). How would this affect Habakkuk (v5)?</p>	
<p>3. Looking at 1:12-2:1 what did Habakkuk know about God (v12-13), and what was he confused about (v13, 14-15, 16-17)? What was his approach (2:1)?</p>	

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