

WHY, LORD?

Habakkuk 1:1-2:1

# Habakkuk

Was a prophet with a personal problem.

Lived in Jeremiah's day when God's people were at their most sinful times.

Begins with a "why" Lord and ends with a "wow" Lord.

Has a historical prophecy that is our day relevant because.....

# ....We

1. Struggle with the mystery of history – Why does good things happen to bad people; Why does God allow bad things to happen if He is good; Why doesn't God act when I ask Him and need Him the most?
2. Grieve over sin and it's effect on us.
3. Have times we don't understand what God is doing or if God is doing.

# Three good and great

Passages to learn, memorize, and live.

1:12 – are you not from everlasting,  
O,LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall  
not die.

2:4 - ...The just shall live by his faith

3:17-19 – Although..... Yet I will....The  
LORD God is my...

# We learn them because

Even though God's ways are often mysterious to us and misunderstood by us, we need to be sure that God hasn't changed, our world is under His control, and at this moment in time I can be confident!

AMEN ????

# I. The Anxiety (vs1-4)

The desire for God to chasten His people and for them to repent was Biblical; His frustration was not seeing God work.

2. Unanswered prayer – v.2

3. Increasing sinful pollution – v.3

4. Corrupt politics – v.4

He was greatly troubled by what was happening and was anxious to reconcile what he believed with what he saw.

# It happens

Genesis 37:28 – and they sold Joseph

Job 3:1 – After this open Job his mouth and  
cursed his day

Psalms 31:1 – How long will you forget me, o  
Lord? Forever?

John 11:21 – if you'd been here, my brother  
would not have died.

2 Timothy 3:13 – evil men and seducers will  
become worse and worse

## II. The Answer (vs. 5-17)

When pain comes our sight narrows; we see and feel the moment, the pain, the place, and God seems distant & uninterested.

2. He sees God at work – vs. 5-11

3. He sees God in His will – v. 12

4. He sees God in the why – vs. 13-17

So he learns that history is under God's control, following God's commands, according to God's clock; but still "why, LORD ?"

# It's true

Proverbs 21:1 – The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, He turns it wheresoever He will.

Romans 8:28 – and all things work together for good..

2 Timothy 3:9 – but they shall proceed no further..

2 Peter 3:9 – But the Lord is not slack concerning His promise, but is .....

# III. His Action (v. 2:1)

when we talk to ourselves and the world  
about this we become more confused.

2. Give the question to the Lord & wait.

Psalm 62:10

Isaiah 40:11-29

3. Choose revelation not reason.

Psalm 119:98-100

Jeremiah 9:24

4. Prepare to respond when God speaks.

Job 2:10

Luke 22:42

# So we learn

Although I may not be able to understand  
God's ways they are still good;

And though I may not see God working He  
is;

And the best thing for me when I struggle  
with the mystery of history is to retreat  
back to the secret place of prayer and  
meditation and faith will be found!