

Faith in Fearful Times, Part 1
Habakkuk 1

Getting Started

- ❖ It is easy to say we have faith when everything is going well in life but when storms come our faith is tested. When you experience a time of testing what is your typical response?
- ❖ Where do you look for answers?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read Habakkuk 1** and let's discuss some aspects of the text and sermon
 - Jerry pointed out that Habakkuk begins very differently than other prophetic books. How do most prophetic books begin? What is the benefit of the way Habakkuk begins?
 - This book was written 2600+ years ago. How do the first 4 verses give it a "modern" feel? What parallels do you see in Habakkuk's situation and our national environment?
 - Read verses 5-17 and note all the phrases and terms that describe the Babylonians. What picture of is painted of this Empire?
 - How do you reconcile God using such an Empire for the chastisement and judgement of Israel?
 - In Habakkuk's second prayer in verses 12-17, what resonates with you the most?
 - What questions does this chapter create in your mind?
- ❖ **Read Isaiah 45 in its entirety.**
 - Survey the verses and note everything they say about God and about God's sovereignty over difficult situations in our lives.
 - What do these verses teach us about God's purposes in fearful times?
 - Does this passage reinforce randomness and chance or intentionality and goodness in how God interacts with us?
 - How does this chapter touch on what God promises in Habakkuk 1 relative to the Babylonians?

Apply It!

- ❖ What was your biggest takeaway from the message this week?
- ❖ Do you cry-out to God with the transparency and emotion of Habakkuk or are you more reserved? If you pray like Habakkuk, is this beneficial to you? If you do not, what holds you back from coming to God in this way?
- ❖ What in the message either challenged or encouraged you the most? Why?

Think About It!

The weakness of your faith will not destroy you. A trembling hand may receive a golden gift.
(Charles Spurgeon, *All of Grace*)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

September 20, 2020 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SONGS

KING OF HEAVEN

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Jason Ingram, 2010

Jesus, let your kingdom come here; let your will be done here
in us. Jesus, there is no one greater. You alone are Savior;
Show the world your love.

*King of heaven, come down; King of heaven, come now;
Let your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven come.
King of heaven, rise up; who can stand against us?
You are strong to save, in your mighty name, King of heaven come.*

We are children of your mercy, rescued for your glory. We cry Jesus,
set our hearts towards you; that every eye would see you lifted high.

King of heaven come. King of heaven come.
King of heaven come. King of heaven come.

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan, 2018

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me. I was lost,
but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house is a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

HIS MERCY IS MORE

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell, 2019

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

**Words and Music by Ada Habershon (1861-1918)
and Matthew Merker, 2013**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 67; Esther 3:1-4:3; James 1:19-27; Matt. 6:1-18
MONDAY | Ps. 57; Esther 4:4-17; Acts 18:1-11; Luke 3:1-14
TUESDAY | Ps. 54; Esther 5:1-14; Acts 18:12-28; Luke 3:15-22
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 65; Esther 6:1-14; Acts 19:1-10; Luke 4:1-13
THURSDAY | Ps. 81; Esther 7:1-10; Acts 19:11-20; Luke 4:14-30
FRIDAY | Ps. 20; Esther 8:1-17; Acts 19:21-41; Luke 4:31-37
SATURDAY | Ps. 122; Esther 9:1-32; Acts 20:1-16; Luke 4:38-44

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Sovereign Lord, you are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
You do not treat us as we deserve,
but offer us grace and love despite our selfish ways.
Help us to bring your kingdom where we live and work,
demonstrating your love and mercy to others;
and extending grace and forgiveness to
our neighbors, our family, our friends, and even our enemies.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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