



Discussion Questions • Habakkuk 2:2-20 NIV

1. Read vs.2-3.
 - a. What was Habakkuk to do with the revelation he received from God?
 - b. What does God say about the revelation He's about to give to Habakkuk?
 - c. What do we learn about God from these 2 verses?
2. Read vs.4-5.
 - a. How does God describe the Babylonians in these 2 verses?
 - b. What is God's instruction to the righteous person living under the tyranny of injustice and violence? (See vs.4)
 - c. Discuss the meaning of, ⁴ "...but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness." How would this verse apply to us today?
(*A Christian trusts God in the darkest of times and holds on to the conviction that God's promises will be fulfilled*)
3. Vs.6-19 is a record of 5 taunts (woes) against Babylon.
 - a. What is a "woe?" Name and briefly discuss other "woes" mentioned in other passages of scripture. (*Isaiah 10:1-4, 30:1-2, 33:1; Nahum 3:1-7; Matthew 1:20-22; Matthew 23:13-37; Mark 14:21*)
 - b. Each taunt in these verses (*Habakkuk 2:6-19*) has the following 3 elements; a woe, a reason for the woe, and an announcement of doom. Identify these 3 elements in each of the 5 taunts mentioned by God in these verses (vs.6-9; vs.9-11; vs.12-14; vs.15-17 and vs.18-19).
 - c. What warnings can we heed from these woes?
4. God concludes his response to Habakkuk's questions with the following statement found in verse 20... "*The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.*"
 - a. How are we to understand this verse in light of everything God says in the preceding verses?
 - b. How would this verse bring comfort to those facing challenging circumstances?

OPTIONAL: What is one thing you are willing to change in your life as a result of what you have learned from the discussion?

Wrap Up and Prayer

Pray for each other as you apply what you have learned along with other requests.