



WHY?

THE **BOOK** OF **HABAKKUK**

Four Woes

- 1. Woe to the greedy (2:9-11)
 - The greedy man thinks of nothing but his personal gain
 - He tries to protect his possessions by any means possible but it will eventually cost him his life
 - The very stones of his house cry out against him

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- 2. Woe to the violent (2:12-14)
 - The violent think they make rules by their might
 - The strong oppress the weak and make themselves rich through exploitation
 - The Lord reminds the violent that the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord

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- 3. Woe to the drunk (2:15-17)
 - God will pour out His judgement from His cup
 - Shame, violence, and destruction will be paid back to those who used it

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- 4. Woe to the idolater (2:19,20)
 - The lifeless idol can offer no wisdom or guidance
 - The idolater creates his own god and trusts in his own creation
 - The Lord God is the only God. He is alive and in His holy temple

Habakkuk's Question

- Remember Habakkuk's second question was "How could God use a more evil people to judge the sins of Judah?"
- God has responded by assuring Habakkuk that He knows all the deeds of the sinful Babylonians and they will not go unpunished

Pride

- Surgeon quote
- “If there is a sin that is universal, it is this. Where is it not to be found? Hunt among the highest and loftiest in the world, and you shall find it there; and then go and search amongst the poorest and the most miserable, and you shall find it there. There may be as much pride inside a beggar’s rags as in a prince’s robe; and a harlot may be as proud as a model of chastity. Pride is a strange creature; it never objects to its lodgings. It will live comfortably enough in a palace, and it will live equally at its ease in a hovel. Is there any man in whose heart pride does not lurk?”

Pride

- Pride is often at the heart of our sinful actions.
 - Here is the rich man, proud of what he has
 - There is the poor man, proud of his “honor” in having less
 - Here is the talented man, proud of what he can do
 - There is the man of few talents, proud of his hard work
 - Here is the religious man, proud of his religion
 - There is the unbeliever, proud of his unbelief

Pride

- Here is the establishment man, proud of his place in society
- There is the counter-cultural man, proud of his “outcast” status
- Here is the learned man, proud of his intelligence and learning
- Here is the simple man, proud of his simplicity

Now What...

- So where is our hope?
- Habakkuk 2:4 - "... but the righteous will live by his faith."
- Faith is the answer! Faith in what?
 - Faith in God's righteous judgment
 - Faith in God's mercy
 - Faith in God's Son
 - Faith in God's salvation