



Open Your Eyes!

Series: *Trusting God in Troubled Times* (Habakkuk),

Text: Habakkuk 1:5-11

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God's personal message to Habakkuk.

1. Don't confuse silence with lack of caring.
(5; see also Joel 2:13; Isaiah 40:11; 48:13-16; 54:8; Jeremiah 31:3; 1 Peter 5:7)
2. Don't confuse silence with inactivity or inability. (5)
3. Don't expect God to conform to your expectations.
(5; see also Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 12:2)
4. Don't lose perspective. (5)

God's judicial message to Judah.

1. Judgment is coming on Judah's sin. (6-11)
2. Judgment is coming on Judah's agent of judgment. (11; Daniel 5:25-28)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Habakkuk 1:1-11. God broke the long silence and spoke to Habakkuk in verse 5. On Sunday we looked at four parts of God's personal message to Habakkuk. Review the first two today (see the outline). Examine your own responses to ongoing problems and desires in light of these two truths.

Tuesday. God said, "I am doing something, I am raising up the Chaldeans." This is not what Habakkuk expected. We can't expect God to conform to our expectations. Have you done that? Are you doing that? As well, we need perspective—to look around at the bigger picture, not only our immediate pressing, pain-filled situation. Take a few minutes and note some specific evidence of God's sovereignty in our world.

Wednesday. God told Habakkuk and Judah that judgment was coming (6-11). Read the descriptions slowly. Picture them in your mind. How would you react if God said He was going to judge Canada with a similar agent? Pray for our nation to turn to God.

Thursday. God told Habakkuk at the end of His response that the Chaldeans would be judged for their sin (11). No one escapes God's judgment. We live in a world gone wrong. Do your part by holy living and reaching out to people with the gospel to see many have their sin judged at the cross, not the final judgment.

Friday – Saturday. We plan to look at 1:12–2:1 on Sunday. Read these verses as you prepare for worshiping together.