

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Major Lessons from Minor Prophets – Part 8

Trusting in God's Goodness (Habakkuk)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Seek the LORD and Live! –Major Lessons from Minor Prophets. Our topic today: Trusting in God's Goodness (Habakkuk – end of 7th century BC in Judah)

New Scripture Song: "Seek the LORD while He may be found" – Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer

- 1) The perplexed prophet
 - a) Many of the minor prophets convey a message from God to their people. The primary message of Habakkuk, on the other hand, is the prophet speaking to God about His people.
 - b) Habakkuk 1:1-2:1
 - c) What are the prophet's two major questions?
 - i) How long, O LORD!
 - (1) Will the violence (hamas) continue (6x)
 - (2) Genesis 6:11
 - (3) Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you cried out, "How long, O Lord?"
 - ii) How can You use a more wicked nation to judge Your people?
- (1) Share a time when you struggled with why God allowed something to happen.
- 2) Living by faith
 - a) Habakkuk 2:2-4
 - b) Romans 1:16-17
 - c) Galatians 3:11
 - d) Hebrews 10:35-38
 - e) Hebrews 11:1-16
 - f) Hebrews 11:17-22
 - g) Hebrews 11:23-29
 - h) Hebrews 11:30-40
 - i) How can we learn to walk by faith even when we live with many unanswered questions?
- 3) God's answer to Habakkuk's questions
 - a) Habakkuk 2:5-19 – God will judge the wicked
 - b) Habakkuk 2:20 – stay focused on God rather than your problems and questions
- 4) Habakkuk's Prayer
 - a) Habakkuk 3:1-16
 - b) What is the focus of Habakkuk's prayer?
 - c) Why is it important to remember the ways God has led you in the past?
 - d) Share a testimony of how God's leading in your past gives you courage to face the present and the future.
- 5) Habakkuk's Scripture song
 - a) Habakkuk 3:17-19
 - b) How can such a beautiful song come from a prophet who has some many unanswered questions?
 - c) Hebrews 12:1-3