

Bringing Injustice Before God

Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4, Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4 Habakkuk 1:2-4

THEME: The Path of Faith in the Providence of God

What do you think should be the **posture** we take Before God Pt. 4 in the face of injustice, doubts, fears, and lack of hope?

1. Come Before God honestly and humbly.
2. Come seeking to submit to God's Word, but make connections to your life with careful precision.
3. Avoid the easy route of venting and taking apart. Come prepared to do the hard work to build up your faith.
4. Look for areas to meditate and worship.

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4

- I. I went to the right place with injustice, but there is no action.

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4

- I. I went to the right place with injustice, but there is no action.
- II. Because of Your inaction, wickedness proliferates.

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4

- I. I went to the right place with injustice, but there is no action.
- II. Because of Your inaction, wickedness proliferates.
- III. It has infiltrated even the institutions set up to bring justice.

How does the law get ignored? What would “justice never upheld” imply?

- Not care about it
- Those in charge of keeping it are violating it as well
- Something ‘bigger’ than law – not upheld because other goals
- Viewpoints have shifted so change laws in line with people

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4

“Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the LORD’S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

Deuteronomy 10:12–13

Where do we feel pressure to uphold God's Law, to carry out His will righteously? How does this pressure work/show itself?

- When we've done wrong
- When sinful behavior spoken as natural/to be empathized with
- When unsaved ones call you out to a higher standard
- When get to know God better and see what He sees
- When know God is asking and don't want to or feel can't, unsure
- Growing into our identity as followers of Christ – it's what I do, it's who I am

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4 Habakkuk 1:2-4

We don't like the results of God's law being ignored, justice never upheld, the wicked surrounding the righteous, and justice coming out perverted, so what are our options? (not just right ones—how do we respond, where do we focus?)

- Shifting focus, try to take it all in
- Blame others, put pressure on others to do, solutions - this is what works for me, pragmatic solutions
- Self righteousness – quick opinions of justice from a distance or quick demanding of justice if against us
- Finding a livable solution apart from God
- Despair – give up hope for anything better
- Does God remain the same in face of all this? If so, we still have responsibility and direction and provision

What would the process of putting God's Word/law in its rightful place in our own lives and then in the lives of God's people include?

- Finding God's praiseworthy attributes and actions
- Establish conviction that God's law is unchanging and "for us"
- Be willing to continue under it alone (in the face of ridicule)
- Seeing God's authority (righteousness) is the best good/right way to go
- Greatest need is fellowship with God & therefore lives lived in growing conformity to His holiness
- Repentance (our own and those associated with)
- Obey, seek, study for our good/peace/security
- Doing all this in the face of God (Prayer – seeking His presence & help to fulfill the purpose of His Law in our hearts)
- The slow process of picking through the pieces of twisted justice

What would the process of putting God's Word/law in its rightful place in our own lives and then in the lives of God's people include?

1. Diligence to actually do it instead of talk about it.

What would the process of putting God's Word/law in its rightful place in our own lives and then in the lives of God's people include?

1. Diligence to actually do it instead of talk about it.
2. Acknowledging that God's Word lives because God IS working.

What would the process of putting God's Word/law in its rightful place in our own lives and then in the lives of God's people include?

1. Diligence to actually do it instead of talk about it.
2. Acknowledging that God's Word lives because God IS working.
3. Quieting other voices in order to listen to the voice of God.

What would the process of putting God's Word/law in its rightful place in our own lives and then in the lives of God's people include?

1. Diligence to actually do it instead of talk about it.
2. Acknowledging that God's Word lives because God IS working.
3. Quieting other voices in order to listen to the voice of God.
4. A longer timetable for Change.

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4

- I. I went to the right place with injustice, but there is no action.
- II. Because of Your inaction, wickedness proliferates.
- III. It has infiltrated even the institutions set up to bring justice.

A mature faith is one that both sees the issues at hand and yet remains steadfast, living in light of God's providence.

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4

But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:25

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11, Wednesday, January 17, 2024

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

- I. Pay attention and you will see my work.

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

- I. Pay attention and you will see my work.
- II. Study the object of my work to learn more of My ways.

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, 12 then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Deuteronomy 6:10–12

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. 11 The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, **terror** and great darkness fell upon him. Genesis 15:10–12

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. 11 The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, **terror** and great darkness fell upon him. Genesis 15:10–12

“He led you through the great and **terrible** wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. Deuteronomy 8:15

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“He led you through the great and **terrible** wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. Deuteronomy 8:15

This they will have in return for their pride, because they have taunted and become arrogant against the people of the LORD of hosts. 11 The LORD will be **terrifying** to them, for He will starve all the gods of the earth; and all the coastlands of the nations will bow down to Him, everyone from his own place.

Zephaniah 2:10–11

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“He led you through the great and **terrible** wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. Deuteronomy 8:15

This they will have in return for their pride, because they have taunted and become arrogant against the people of the LORD of hosts. 11 The LORD will be **terrifying** to them, for He will starve all the gods of the earth; and all the coastlands of the nations will bow down to Him, everyone from his own place. Zephaniah 2:10–11

“You also say, ‘My, how tiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully sniff at it,” says the LORD of hosts, “and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?” says the LORD. 14 “But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King,” says the LORD of hosts, “and My name is **feared** among the nations.” Malachi 1:13–14

New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995. LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“You also say, ‘My, how tiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully sniff at it,” says the LORD of hosts, “and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?” says the LORD. 14 “But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King,” says the LORD of hosts, “and My name is **feared** among the nations.” Malachi 1:13–14

“You shall not dread them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and **awesome** God. Deuteronomy 7:21

New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995. LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“You also say, ‘My, how tiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully sniff at it,” says the LORD of hosts, “and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?” says the LORD. 14 “But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King,” says the LORD of hosts, “and My name is **feared** among the nations.” Malachi 1:13–14

“You shall not dread them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and **awesome** God. Deuteronomy 7:21

He was **afraid** and said, “How **awesome** is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” Genesis 28:17

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,

Deuteronomy 28:49

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1

Habakkuk 1:5-11

“The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,
Deuteronomy 28:49

“You shall have sons and daughters but they will not be yours, for they will go into captivity. 42 “The cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground. 43 “The alien who is among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you will go down lower and lower. 44 “He shall lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you will be the tail. 45 “So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you would not obey the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. Deuteronomy 28:41–45

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1 Habakkuk 1:5-11

Sum up what you would see, think of, feel, and value if what you heard was imminent. What would be astonishing?

-

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 1 Habakkuk 1:5-11

But what SHOULD be astonishing?

-