

# The Work of Faith

Habakkuk 1:12-13, Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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## Bringing Injustice Before God

- 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.

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- III. Trust My Word to bring justice to all.

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## Lessons About Faith

1. **There is more than you can see. Trust the One who sees all.**

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- I. Includes Examining the Object of Your Faith in Light of Current Circumstances. Vv. 12-13

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“The eternal God is a dwelling place, And underneath are the everlasting arms; And He drove out the enemy from before you, And said, ‘Destroy!’ 28 “So Israel dwells in security, The fountain of Jacob secluded, In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens also drop down dew.

Deuteronomy 33:27–28



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“I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

2 Samuel 7:14

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The LORD is my **rock** and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2

“**The Rock!** His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He. 18 “You neglected the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who gave you birth. Deuteronomy 32:4, 18

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, **my rock** and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

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“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezekiel 36:25–27

## What narrows our gaze to the short term?

- Desire for immediate relief
- Busy – too much at once
- Gratification (joy & hope in life)
- Current circumstances loom large – hard to see beyond
- Fear
- Long term is usually something positive if negative, overwhelms because can't control
- Need to do this before that – breaking the big scary things into smaller “manageable” parts
- Values determine short term focus
- Not ready to die
- Something large like war/death

## Where should we start to look if we would examine our faith in God in light of current circumstances?

- How God has already proven Himself to us from eternity past
- Look to the Word – promises God has made to His people and how they have been shown
- How we are responding to present circumstances (emotions, mission)
- Is God our Rock, is Christ our head – sufficient
- What does He expect from me in current situation

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2. You are not in control over all circumstances, God is. Trust that God personally works to undergird and protect His own.

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1 Peter 4:12



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Restore us to You, O LORD, that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old, 22 Unless You have utterly rejected us And are exceedingly angry with us.

Lamentations 5:21–22

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For this is contained in Scripture: “BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.” 7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,” 8 and, “A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed. 1 Peter 2:6–8

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# Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 5

Habakkuk 1:2-4

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1. There is more than you can see. Trust the One who sees all.
2. You are His, not yours. See ALL circumstances as coming from under His hand.
3. Those who turn to God in suffering/injustice and continue to trust/obey Him will be rewarded.

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'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry." '

Luke 12:19

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‘Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10