

## The Book of Habakkuk

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

Today we read the book of **Habakkuk**, the eighth book of “The Minor Prophets.”

Habakkuk lived during the time of Jeremiah and also predicts the coming Babylonian invasion (see **1:6**). Like Jeremiah, Habakkuk probably lived to see the fulfillment of his prophecy and the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in 597 BC.

The book of **Habakkuk** is unique among all the prophetic books in that it contains no prophecy directly addressed to either Israel or any other nation. Instead, it records a personal dialogue between Habakkuk and God concerning the condition of Judah at that time. Yet **2:2-3** indicates that rather than being a personal book, the scroll of **Habakkuk** was probably duplicated many times and sent by heralds to be read in the many towns of Judah.

Here is a breakdown of the dialogue between Habakkuk and God:

- **Habakkuk’s first complaint (1:2-4)** – *Why does God tolerate evil and injustice in Judah?*
- **God’s first answer (1:5-11)** – *The Babylonians will punish Judah.*
- **Habakkuk’s second complaint (1:12-2:1)** – *How can a just God use pagans to punish a people more righteous than themselves?*
- **God’s second answer (2:2-20)** – *The Babylonians will also be punished, and faith in Judah will be rewarded.*
- **Habakkuk’s prayer (3:1-19)** – *Let your wrath and mercy be demonstrated as in the past, and I will wait patiently for your justice.*

The book of **Habakkuk** is a testament to the ultimate justice of God and to the faith of people who, like Habakkuk, are righteous through their faith (**2:4**), yet live in unrighteous times. Let’s now sit back and read the book of **Habakkuk** in one sitting.

# Memory Verse

If we claim we have not sinned,  
we make him out to be a liar and his word  
has no place in our lives.

1 John 1:10

## Your Fishing Kit

This is the twentieth verse in your fishing kit. **1 John 1:10** follows on from **1 John 1:8** and **1 John 1:9** by establishing once and for all that no one is without sin and therefore everyone is in need of the grace of God revealed in the Gospel. This verse also works well with **Romans 3:23** and **Romans 6:23**.

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

<b>John 3:16</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:6-7</b>	<b>John 1:12</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b>
<b>John 3:18</b>	<b>Romans 5:8</b>	<b>John 3:3</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:21</b>
<b>John 3:36</b>	<b>1 John 4:10</b>	<b>John 5:24</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-33</b>
<b>Ephesians 1:7-8</b>	<b>Acts 2:38</b>	<b>John 6:37</b>	<b>Romans 2:4-5</b>
<b>Romans 3:23</b>	<b>Acts 3:19</b>	<b>John 8:32</b>	<b>Acts 17:30</b>
<b>Romans 6:23</b>	<b>Acts 4:12</b>	<b>John 8:36</b>	<b>1 John 5:10</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:5</b>	<b>John 14:6</b>	<b>John 10:10</b>	<b>1 John 5:11-12</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:8</b>	<b>John 10:28</b>	<b>John 14:1-3</b>
<b>Isaiah 59:1-2</b>	<b>1 John 1:9</b>	<b>Romans 10:9</b>	<b>John 16:33</b>
<b>Isaiah 64:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:10</b>	<b>Romans 10:13</b>	<b>Revelation 3:20</b>

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.