

MAJOR LESSONS FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS

Habakkuk: Freeing Faith

¹The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. (Habakkuk 1:1)

Faith Frustration #1

- Habakkuk 1:2,3a

▶ God's answer:

⁵“Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

⁶I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. (Habakkuk 1:5,6)

Faith Frustration #2

- Habakkuk 1:12,13

▶ God's answer:

⁴“Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; **But the righteous will live by his faith.** (Habakkuk 2:4 NASB)

¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: **“The righteous will live by faith.”** (Romans 1:17)

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

- Faith: God is real
- ▶ Faith: God is responsive

Faith may not answer
our questions, but it
changes our focus.

What is happening beyond me?

"Woe to him . . ." (Habakkuk 2)

¹⁴For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
(Habakkuk 2:14)

²⁰The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.
(Habakkuk 2:20)

What is happening in me?

- Habakkuk 3:2
- Habakkuk 3:17

¹⁸Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.
(Habakkuk 3:18-19)