



When God DOESN'T Make Sense

What Goes Around Comes Around (Habakkuk 2:5-20)

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BIG IDEA: God may not seem fair, but we can trust that He is *just* and will bring justice in His time to each and every wrong.

Woe, Habakkuk

- God says in Habakkuk 2:4 that Babylon's king is filled with pride and God is against them for it.
- Jeremiah 50:31-32, God speaks to the Babylonians and says that He will end them for their pride.
- Proverbs 16:18, He says the same to all of us.

1. Woe for selfish ambition (Habakkuk 2:6b-8).

2. Woe for living like you are above God's reach (Habakkuk 2:9-11).

3. Woe for violence and exploiting others (Habakkuk 2:12-14).

4. Woe for shaming others and destroying the environment (Habakkuk 2:15-17).

5. Woe for putting things ahead of Me (Habakkuk 2:18-20).

- God makes it unequivocally clear that a time will come when justice will be done for the wrong. God says that they will be scattered (v8), they will be shamed (v16), they will be overwhelmed and terrified (v17).

The Justice of God Frees Us

- God's message to Habakkuk and the people of Judah who are preparing for a season of pain and suffering is that justice is always done, no one is above it or immune from it.

- Galatians 6:7-9 tells us not to mock the justice of God, that we will always harvest what we plant and at just the right time, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

1. The justice of God frees us from whining and self-pity, so that we can live more of a victorious Christian life through our pain and suffering.

- The trials we face God even uses, James 1 and Romans 5 says, to make us stronger and more like him. Suffering, even at the hands of others, can make us bitter or it can make us better.

2. The justice of God frees us from having to see perfect justice take place.

- God set up governments (Romans 13) to prevent us from living in a world with no sense of justice. Government can become corrupt and God says ultimately He sets them up and deposes them (Daniel 2:21), but uses them on earth in part to administer justice here and now.

3. The justice of God frees us from having to hold a grudge.

- Romans 12:14-21 says to care for those who have hurt us, knowing that in doing so, we are heaping burning coals onto their heads and to not let evil conquer us, but conquer evil by doing good.

What are those situations in your life today where you want to hold a grudge? Where you just want to make them pay, make them suffer for what they've done? Where you can't seem to forgive?

What are those situations where you want to take matters into your own hands and control the outcome? Or where you want to go the other way and whine or wallow in self-pity because of what you or others you love have suffered?

Can you let the justice of God handle it, in His time?