

## **The Just Shall Live by Faith**

### **Habakkuk 2:1-20**

Context: Habakkuk has asked for God's help for sinful Israel and God responded that he is going to send wicked Babylon to destroy the Israelites. Habakkuk ends chapter 1 by asking if God will ever stop the destructive Babylonians.

Main Point: While the wicked will trust in riches, idols, military power, and pride - the righteous person will live by faith.

To live by faith...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's perfect timing (2:2-4)  
The wicked trust in their pride but the just shall live by faith.

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones, in his sermons on Habakkuk, developed four maxims about God:

- A. History is under God's control.
- B. History follows a divine plan.
- C. History follows a divine timetable.
- D. History is bound up with the divine kingdom.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ an inventory of His coming Judgement (2:5-17)  
Just like Habakkuk - we live in a world that is full of injustice. Every week, we read of someone being killed in our nation in what looks like a blazing act of injustice.

For Christians, we believe in the Just nature of God. That God is truth, and he will justly judge all wrong. He will do so in such a way that all will say yes and amen.

While the justice systems of this earth are often flawed, God's justice system is perfect. No one gets a pass.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ from all competing idols (2:18-20)  
Idols cannot hear, speak, or offer helpful advice for the day of trouble. By contrast, the living God dwells in His temple and will judge all people. This living God is able to help any who come to Him.