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# Habbakuk



## Habbakuk's 2 Questions

In the class of Habbakuk taught by Bruce Deng, we learned many important lessons about God. Bruce kicked the class off by asking us what we knew about the prophet Habbakuk. Later on he revealed to us that Habbakuk was a prophet of many questions, 2 to be specific. The first question that he asked God was why was there evil in Judah? The LORD answered his question in

chapter 1:5-11 saying he is raising up the fierce Babylonians as his rod of judgement upon sinful Judah. The Chaldeans will come against Judah swiftly, violently, and completely. A storm from the east will be God's answer to Judah's crimes.

The second question asked by Habbakuk can be found in Hab (1:1-2:20) He asked the

LORD why do the wicked seem to be winning? He asks how God can punish Judah with a nation that is even more wicked. The conflict is between rational and faith; reality and idea. The answer came with God saying He is aware of the sins of the Babylonians and they will not escape his terrible judgement. (2:20).

## Bruce Deng's Discussion

Bruce wanted to test our justice on what should be done by giving us current events. He first started by asking us if we knew the Charlie Hebdo incident. After reviewing the events that took place he asked us what our judgement. He did this two more times by using Michael Brown and ISIS.

With our responses he told us how man would have certain thoughts while God would think otherwise.

He told us to refer to page 23 of our workbook. It said our justice was:

- we feel anger when we witness a wrongdoing
- we feel consequences should take place

immediately

- the good should be rewarded
- the wicked should be punished
- we want to take matters into our own hands
- we feel good when others suffer for their wrong doing

And while God's Justice is:

- God feels anger at the injustices of the world
- but consequences may take place in the future
- the good will be rewarded but not necessarily in this world; their reward could be waiting for them in

heaven

- the wicked may not be punished until judgement day
- God doesn't feel good when He has to punish because that means one less person is saved
- God punishes sin, but wants to offer mercy to sinners
- Only God has the right to judge because He is perfect and sinless

In many ways, we are just like Habbakuk. When we are angry, we want judgement immediately, but God makes decisions and will punish them in the end times.