

Surviving Suffering



Habakkuk 2 Patient Faith

Intro: What are you like at waiting? How do you feel when you have to wait for something longer than you were expecting to?

Read Habakkuk 2:1-3

In v2 God tells Habakkuk to write down the 'revelation' (or 'vision').

- What's the purpose of writing it down (not an easy thing to do before paper)?
- So how might this book come to be in the Bible?

What is the 'revelation' about? v3

Read Habakkuk 2:4-20

What is said positively about the 'end'? v14

What does that suggest about when is meant by 'the end'?

Who is the 'end' bad news for? v4-19

Have a look through the list:

Are there any similar attitudes/actions that we need to repent of?

From v3&4 What's the right way to respond to God's promises about the future?

Notice the 2 negatives plus the positive in v3:

Why do we need to know that it 'will not prove false'?

(what do we sometimes wonder?)

Why do we need to know that 'it will certainly come'?

(what do we sometimes think?)

Why do we need to know that it 'will not delay'?

(what do we sometimes feel?)

From v20 Why is it sensible to wait for God's revelation to come to pass and to keep trusting God?

Look up Romans 1:16-17 (which quotes Habakkuk 2v4)

How does what Habakkuk teaches about patient faith help us to understand what is involved in putting our faith in Jesus?

Prayer

- Thank God for his promises and for his gift of righteousness through faith in the gospel.
- Pray for the faith and the faithfulness to wait for the 'end' and to walk through the challenges of life, holding on to God's promises.