

Yet I will Rejoice



Women's Retreat 2012 | August 10-12

Studies in Habakkuk
Retreat Booklet

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Christ Church Women's Retreat for 2012.

We hope that this weekend provides you with time for relaxation, fellowship and spiritual refreshment. We hope that you would take the opportunity to build new friendships and deepen existing ones.

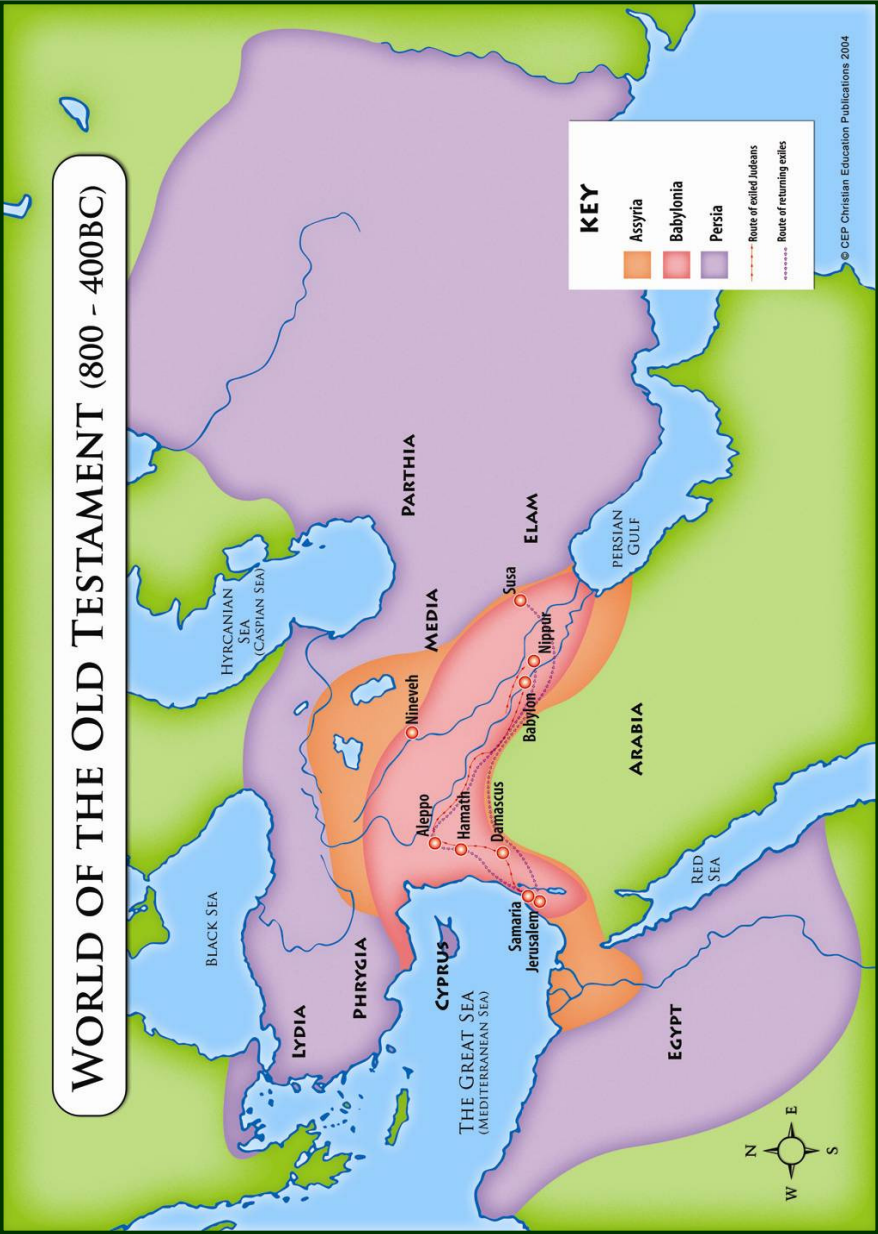
The theme is "Yet I will rejoice", and the studies are based in Habakkuk, a short book packed with important lessons for us all. Just like Habakkuk, we may all feel at times that the Lord seems indifferent to our troubles. Through talks by Pip Russell and discussion groups, we can discover the secret of confidence in the Lord in the midst of uncertainty.

The program is set out on page 5. Please read the book of Habakkuk prior to our 9am start – it shouldn't take too long and will ensure you get more out of the sessions. We also recommend you take time for personal devotional study whilst on the retreat, without the distractions of everyday life to interfere. Pip has prepared some readings to facilitate this, to be found on pages 34 in your handbook.

PROGRAM

DAY	TIME	DETAILS	PLACE
Friday		Arrive – Free time tennis – informal (all welcome) or use facilities at own leisure.	Rafferty's Tennis Courts & Facilities to use at own leisure
	6.30pm for 7pm	Dinner	Jetty Restaurant
Saturday	7.30am	Breakfast	Own Villa
	9am	Session 1 – Talk 1	Conference Room
	10.30am	Morning Tea	Conference Room
	11am	Session 2 – Talk 2	Conference Room
	11.30am	Session 3 – Discussion Group 1 and Prayer	
	12.30pm – 1pm	Lunch	Conference Room
	2 – 5pm	Free Time or Group Activities	
	6pm for 7pm	Dinner	Al Lago Restaurant
Sunday	7.30am	Breakfast	Own Villa
(Check out before 9am)	9am	Session 4 – Talk 3	Conference Room
	10.30am	Morning Tea	Conference Room
	11am	Session 5 – Discussion Group 2 and Prayer	
	12 – 1pm	Lunch	Conference Room
	1pm	Depart Rafferty's	

Map One - World of the Old Testament



Map Two - The Divided Kingdom



Kings and Prophets of Israel and Judah

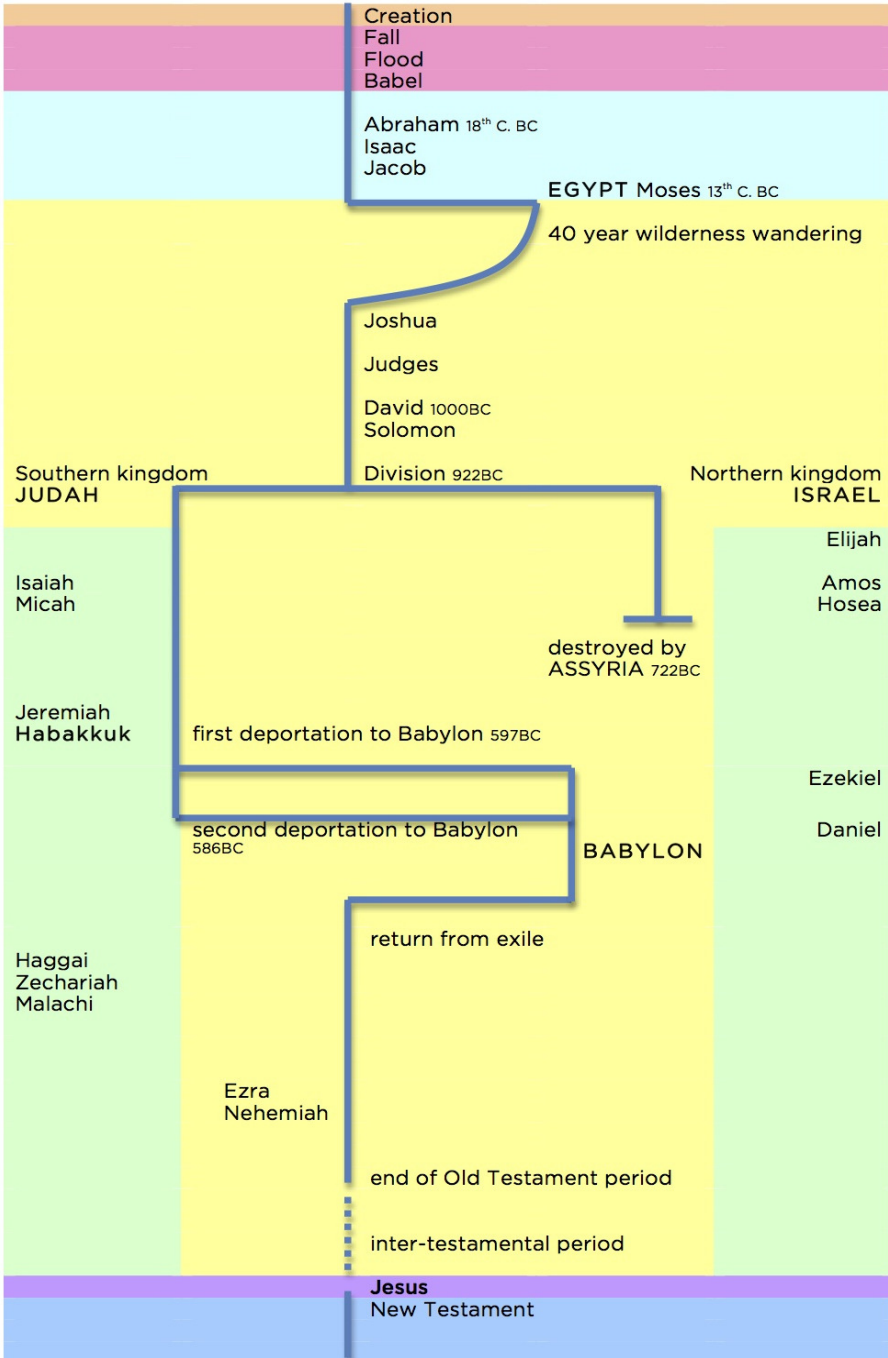
Year	Kings and Prophets				Notes
1050	King Saul (39)				
1011	King David (41)				
970	King Solomon (40)				
	Judah		Israel		
	Prophets	Kings	Kings	Prophets	
931	Shemaiah	Rehoboam (17)	Jeroboam (22)	Ahijah	
Egypt invades Jerusalem					
913	Iddo	Abijah (3)	War with Judah		
911	Azariah	Asa (41)	Nadab (2)	Iddo	
909	Hanani		Baasha (24)		
Allies with Syria against Baasha					
886			Elah (2)		
			Zimri (7 days)		
885			Omri (12)		
			Samaria becomes capital		
870	Jehu	Jehoshaphat (25)	Ahab (22)	Jehu	
			Ahaziah (2)	Elijah	
848	Jahaziel	Jehoram (8)	Joram (12)	Elisha	
841		Ahaziah (1)	Jehu (28)		
841	Joel	Queen Athaliah (6)			
835		Joash (40)	Jehoahaz (17)		
			Jehoash (16)		

796		Amaziah (29)	Jeroboam II (41)		
767		Uzziah (52)	Zechariah (6 mths)		
	Isaiah		Shallum (1mth)		
	Micah		Menahem (10)		
740		Jotham (16)	Pekahiah (2)		
			Pekah (20)	Amos	
732		Ahaz (16)	Hoshea (9)	Hosea	
715		Hezekiah (29)	Fall of Samaria 722 Israel in Captivity		
687		Manasseh (55)			
642		Amon (2)			
640	Zephaniah	Josiah (31)			
609	Huldah	Jehoahaz (3 mth)			
609	Habakkuk	Jehoiakim (11)			
598	Jeremiah	Jehoichin (3 mth)			
	Many deported to Babylon				
597	Ezekiel	Zedekiah (11)			
587	Fall of Jerusalem				

Key:

	Judah
	Israel
	Kings who did evil
	Kings who followed the Lord

Old Testament Timeline



Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1:1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received. ² How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³ Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴ Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

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. ⁶ I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own. ⁷ They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor. ⁸ Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like a vulture swooping to devour; ⁹ they all come bent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand. ¹⁰ They deride kings and scoff at rulers.

They laugh at all fortified cities; they build earthen ramps and capture them. ¹¹ Then they sweep past like the wind and go on- guilty men, whose own strength is their god."

¹² O LORD, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, we will not die. O LORD, you have appointed them to execute judgment; O Rock, you have ordained them to punish. ¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? ¹⁴ You have made men like fish in the sea, like sea creatures that have no ruler. ¹⁵ The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his dragnet; and so he rejoices and is glad. ¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his dragnet, for by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food. ¹⁷ Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy? ^{NIV} Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

² Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴ "See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright- but the righteous will live by his faith- ⁵ indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples. ⁶ "Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, "'Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?' ⁷ Will not your debtors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble? Then you will become their victim. ⁸ Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. ⁹ "Woe to him who builds his realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin! ¹⁰ You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. ¹¹ The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.

¹² "Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime! ¹³ Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? ¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁵ "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies. ¹⁶ You will be filled with shame instead of glory. Now it is your turn! Drink and be exposed! The cup from the LORD's right hand is coming around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory. ¹⁷ The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. ¹⁸ "Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak. ¹⁹ Woe to him who says to wood, 'Come to life!' Or to lifeless stone, 'Wake up!' Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it. ²⁰ But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him." NIV

Habakkuk 3:1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On
shigionoth. ² LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in
awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our
time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. ³ God
came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah
His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth.
⁴ His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his
hand, where his power was hidden. ⁵ Plague went before
him; pestilence followed his steps. ⁶ He stood, and shook
the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The
ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills
collapsed. His ways are eternal. ⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan
in distress, the dwellings of Midian in anguish. ⁸ Were you
angry with the rivers, O LORD? Was your wrath against the
streams? Did you rage against the sea when you rode with
your horses and your victorious chariots? ⁹ You uncovered
your bow, you called for many arrows. Selah You split the
earth with rivers; ¹⁰ the mountains saw you and writhed.
Torrents of water swept by; the deep roared and lifted its
waves on high. ¹¹ Sun and moon stood still in the heavens
at the glint of your flying arrows, at the lightning of your
flashing spear. ¹² In wrath you strode through the earth and
in anger you threshed the nations. ¹³ You came out to

deliver your people, to save your anointed one. You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness, you stripped him from head to foot. Selah ¹⁴ With his own spear you pierced his head when his warriors stormed out to scatter us, gloating as though about to devour the wretched who were in hiding. ¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, churning the great waters. ¹⁶ I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us. ¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

SESSION ONE | SATURDAY - TALK 1

1. Introduction:

2. Structure of Habakkuk:

The first complaint from Habakkuk	1:2-4
The first answer from God	1:5-11
The second complaint from Habakkuk	1:12-2:1
The second answer from God	2:2-20
A prayer from Habakkuk	3:1-19

3. Complaint #1

4. Answer #1

5. Were they really that bad?

THE KINGS LEADING UP TO THE EXILE.

KING	REFERENCE	SUMMARY
Hezekiah ☺	2 Kings 18, 2 Chronicles 32:24ff	God rescued from Assyria Hezekiah showed Babylonian envoy the riches of Jerusalem and God said they would take it all (2 Kings 20:12)
Manasseh ☹	2 Kings 21	An evil king. Harshly condemned. (1-9, 16; 10-15). 2 Kings 24:3-4 his sin so great caused exile b/c Lord not willing to forgive.
Amon ☹	2 Kings 21:19-26	
Josiah ☺	2 Kings 22-23:30	Great reforms. Found the law.
Jehoahaz ☹	2 Kings 23:31-55	Egypt dethroned and exiled.
Jehoaikim ☹	2 Kings 23:36-24:7	Taken to Babylon with temple articles. God brought Babylonian, Aramean, Moabite, Ammonite raiders.
Jehoiachin ☹	2 Kings 24:8-17	Taken to Babylon, with king's mother, wives, officials, leading men Jerusalem besieged & destroyed, 10, 000 deported (officers, fighting men (7000 strong & fit for war), craftsmen, artisans (1000); only poorest left treasures from temple & palace & gold temple articles.
Zedekiah ☹	2 Kings 24:18-20	In charge while Jerusalem deported

Read 2 Kings 17:7-23. Underline descriptions of Israel's sin.

2 Kings 17:7-23 ⁷ All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They worshiped other gods ⁸ and followed the practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced. ⁹ The Israelites secretly did things against the LORD their God that were not right. From watchtower to fortified city they built themselves high places in all their towns. ¹⁰ They set up sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree. ¹¹ At every high place they burned incense, as the nations whom the LORD had driven out before them had done. They did wicked things that provoked the LORD to anger. ¹² They worshiped idols, though the LORD had said, "You shall not do this." ¹³ The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets."

¹⁴ But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the LORD their God. ¹⁵ They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although the LORD had ordered them, "Do not do as they do," and they did the things the LORD had forbidden them to do.

¹⁶ They forsook all the commands of the LORD their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of calves, and an Asherah pole. They bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they worshiped Baal. ¹⁷ They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sorcery and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

¹⁸ So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left, ¹⁹ and even Judah did not keep the commands of the LORD their God. They followed the practices Israel had introduced. ²⁰ Therefore the LORD rejected all the people of Israel; he afflicted them and gave them into

the hands of plunderers, until he thrust them from his presence.

²¹ When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the LORD and caused them to commit a great sin. ²² The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them ²³ until the LORD removed them from his presence, as he had warned through all his servants the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there.

6. What about us?

7. Complaint #2

8. And God did

9. The Fall of Jerusalem - Jeremiah 52: 1-30

Reflection:

One thing I want to remember or tell someone else...

One question I still have...

SESSION TWO | SATURDAY - TALK 2

1. Answer #2: The Message

Future

True

2. HE

Arrogant

Greedy

3. The righteous will live by his faith

4. WOES

- a. Wealthy extortionist (6-8)
- b. Fortress builder (9-11)
- c. Wicked town planner (12-14)
- d. Conniving pervert (15-17)
- e. Artistic idolater (18-19)

5. BUT

6. What happened to Babylon?

7. How do you feel without judgment?

Reflection:

One thing I want to remember or tell someone else...

One question I still have...

SESSION THREE | SATURDAY – DISCUSSION GROUP 1

Spend some time meeting the women in your discussion group.

Read 1:2-4. Complaint # 1

1) From the passage what is Habakkuk complaining to God about? Is it OK to question God in this way?

2) Where do you long for God to act? As Christians in Australia or in our church, how seriously do you think we take sin and injustice? It's easy to blame society, but society is made up of individuals. Make the most of the time this the weekend to spend time with God, to reflect, repent and to ask him for help to change.

Read 1:5-12. Answer #1

3) How does God answer Habakkuk's complaint? What is shocking about his answer?

Read 1:13-2:1. Complaint #2

4) It has been said that, "It is a wise man who takes his questions about God to God for the answers." Habakkuk asks why God would allow such a wicked people to 'swallow up those more righteous than themselves' (1:13). What is your response to the fact that a holy God uses evil people and nations as his instruments?

Read 2:2-4 Answer #2

5) God speaks of the end (2:3) and tells Habakkuk that a day of calamity will come upon the nation of Babylon (3:16). What gospel truth does God give his people to help them persevere (2:4b)? Are you currently finding it difficult to walk by faith? How can we grow in our trust of God?

Pray:

Spend some time thanking God that ultimately he will deliver us from all evil; that even though we may not always understand, he is a good God who is in control and can be trusted and that we can seek his guidance, strength and deliverance. Pray for our broken and divided world and for ourselves, that we would trust God in the midst of current hardships and injustices.

SESSION FOUR | SUNDAY - TALK 3

HABAKKUK'S PRAYER

1. Structure

- a. Prayer. Musical (1, 19)
- b. Call to renew action (2-7)
- c. You delivered your people (8-15)
- d. Personal response (16-19)

2. Do it again!

Teman & Mount Paran. Psalm 83.

Cushan & Midian. Judges 7 & 8.

Isaiah 10:24-34.

3. I

I heard... I will wait...

4. YET

I will rejoice....

5. It's all about you

Reflection:

One thing I want to remember or tell someone else...

One question I still have...

SESSION FIVE | SUNDAY – DISCUSSION GROUP 2

In chapter three Habakkuk turns to God in prayerful confession of trust and joy in God his Saviour, which has three main elements –

- A. remembering God's past actions,
- B. a request for action and
- C. a confession of faith.

A. Remembering God's past actions. Read 3:1-7

1) Habakkuk remembers God's actions of the past to rescue Israel. Brainstorm a list of saving acts of God in the Old Testament.

2) This side of Jesus, we can also look back at the cross and remember what God did in the greatest act of salvation. List as many different aspects of salvation the cross achieved, e.g. forgiveness of sin, reconciliation (Ephesians 1:3-14; Colossians 2:13-15 may help here)

3) Share what things you cling to or look back to when you need reassurance of salvation?

B. A request for God to renew and reveal his work and to remember mercy in the midst of his wrath.

4) Habakkuk asks that the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). The Lord's Prayer echoes this request:-

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

On a personal level, how are you going asking 'Father, may you rule in my life'?

C. Confession of faith. Read 3:16-19.

Habakkuk's resolves to: wait patiently (v16); rejoice in the LORD and be joyful in God my Saviour (v18)

5) In verse 17 Habakkuk lists things that he relies on. Generally or personally what kind of things do we substitute nowadays in their place?

6) What gives Habakkuk such a confident and grateful heart despite the coming difficulties (v19)? How does this help us as God's people to grow, change, be encouraged and rejoice in the midst of suffering? (See Romans 5:1-6)

Spend time sharing prayer points and praying for one another.

TIME OUT:

To continue thinking these personal reflections and tracing the threads may be helpful. Personal reflection is focussed around how the message of the talks impacts you personally and tracing the threads follows up ideas and themes from the passages.

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Habakkuk 1 and 2 are all about judgement: on God's people (Ch 1) and on the nations (Ch 2). This side of the cross these no longer correlate with different countries but with Christians and non- Christians.

Christians: There are a number of levels this can apply to today, kind of concentric circles: individually, family, Bible study group, church, Christians in Sydney, in Australia, in the world. Use these questions to reflect on whichever level you like.

What sin would God condemn? In what areas have we become complacent with sin?

How can you speak or act to bring repentance and change? What will you do in the next week/month?

Pray and ask for God's help to change and grow.

1 Corinthians 10 tells how we can learn from Israel's history. What temptations are before you at the moment? Verse 13 is worth memorising and using as a prompt for prayer.

Is my sin separating me from God? Beware the danger of feeling like our sin separates us from God but also don't become complacent with sin. Romans 12:1-2 reminds us that in view of God's mercy we should offer our lives as living sacrifices. Pray that you will cling to God's mercy and also that you will offer your life now to him for his glory.

Habakkuk 3:17 talks about things going wrong. Thinking about our own struggles with God, what questions do you normally ask? "Why? How can God allow this to happen? Why doesn't he do something?" ... maybe it is more helpful to learn to ask "What is God teaching me in this? How can I grow and change, be corrected and encouraged in this situation? How does this help me cling to Jesus and the hope of heaven?"

Pray for yourself and friends in difficult times that they will cling to God.

Non Christians: It is very unpopular to talk of God judging people – whether they follow another religion, are atheists or are ambivalent. But the Bible does not shy away from the reality and justice of judgement.

What makes you feel confident about God's judgement?

What makes you feel uncomfortable about God's judgement?

What questions does this raise for you? Take the time to talk to someone on the weekend about this.

Take some time to pray for non-Christian family, friends, work colleagues. Pray that you will have boldness to speak to them and confidence in God's judgement.

TRACING THE THREADS:

Israel was sinful: Read 2 Chronicles 36:11-14 to see how the kings defiled the temple.

God will send Babylon: Read Isaiah 39 (or 36-39) to find out why God planned to send Babylon. Read 2 Chronicles 36:17-19 to read that God did send Babylon.

God did judge Israel: Read 2 Kings 24:2-4. Jeremiah 39:1-10 & Ch 52 (for more read Jeremiah 40-44).

God promised to judge Babylon: Jeremiah 50-51. Isaiah 51:17-23.

God did judge Babylon: Read Daniel 5:30-31. (God also judged Assyria who conquered the 10 northern tribes of Israel. Read Isaiah 10:5-16, 24-26)

Babylon as a metaphor of the enemy: Read Revelation 18 for a description of the final destruction of Babylon.

LOOKING AHEAD:

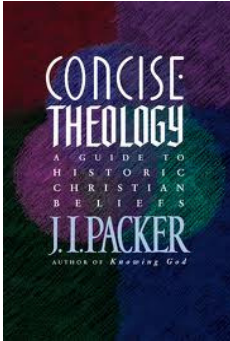
In Chapter 3 Habakkuk recalls God's work in Israel's past referring to the Exodus and Sinai. To see what happened in history and to pick up some language and themes: Read Exodus Ch19, Ch20, Ch23:20-24:18, Chps32-34

Read Psalm 83. What similar language, references and themes can you find?

EXTRA NOTES

RECOMMENDED READING

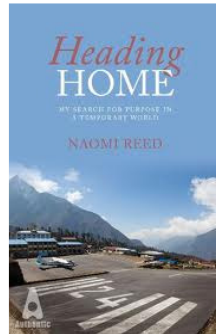
'Concise Theology' by J.I. Packer



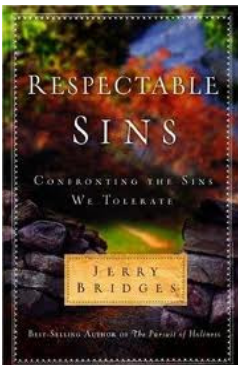
Theology matters! At last it can be understood easily, thanks to this "layman's language" approach to biblical belief. Authored by J. I. Packer, one of the premier theologians of Christianity, this summary of Christian teaching covers nearly 100 major Christian beliefs from a Reformed perspective. Brief, easy-to-understand chapters offer precise descriptions without sacrificing depth. This is a book that belongs on the shelf of every Christian.

"Heading Home" by Naomi Reed

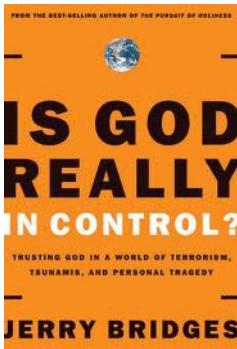
After their six years in Nepal, Naomi Reed and her husband Darren and their three sons returned from Nepal to Australia and struggled with identity and disorientation. In this, Naomi's fifth book, she shares her story honestly and openly, allowing the narrative to lead the reader into prayer and reflection. By the end of it, you will feel a deeper and more profound understanding of what it means to belong to God and hope for heaven.



'Respectable Sins: confronting the sins we tolerate' by Jerry Bridges



Have Christians become so preoccupied with "major" sins that we have lost sight of our need to deal with more subtle sins? Navigator author Jerry Bridges addresses the "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves, including pride and anger. He goes to the heart of the matter, exploring our feelings of shame and grief and opening a new door to God's forgiveness and grace.

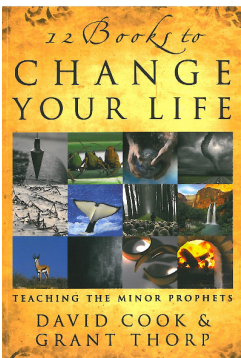
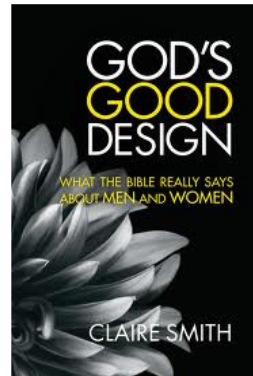


'Is God really in control?' by Jerry Bridges

From devastating natural disasters to deadly highway accidents, tragedies occur every day around the world and in our own lives. As we face death, grief, loss, we become angry and our faith is tested as we ask, "Is God really in control?" Navigator author Jerry Bridges helps answer that question positively in this topical Bible study, offering comfort and hope by exploring the greater purposes and character of God.

"God's Good Design" by Claire Smith

Although Claire Smith was a young adult when she came to know Jesus, it wasn't until she went to theological college that she noticed parts of the Bible that challenged her feminist views. Studying these passages led to radical changes in her life. Claire takes us through the same process she went through herself, looking closely at seven key Bible passages about men and women and how they should relate together in God's purposes.



12 Books to Change Your Life: Teaching The Minor Prophets by David Cook & Grant Thorp (SMBC PRESS)

The minor prophets are small in size but not in message. David Cook and Grant Thorp preached one sermon on each of the twelve minor prophets which have now been compiled into one book, with Bible study notes and devotions.

SONGS

1. Alive

Dead in sin
Forsaken futile lost
Enchained, we lay
Before your sacred throne

Broken in disgrace
But we've found your mercy
now
But we've found your richest
grace

Chosen then
Before the world began
Absolved in him
From all accusing sin

Fearless here we stand
For we've found your mercy
now
For we've found your richest
grace

We've been made alive
We now live with the crucified
We're seated in the heavens
with him now

We've been made alive
We now live with the crucified
We're seated in the heavens
with him now
We've been made alive

Bound as one
The barrier torn down
We stand to fight
Before the devil's host

On the journey home
For we've found your mercy
now
For we've found your richest
grace

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Jesus help us
Walk right
Now in the risen life
Jesus help us
Wake and
Stand, living in the light (x2)

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2. Create in me a clean heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O
God
And renew a steadfast spirit
within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O
God
And renew a steadfast spirit
within me.

Cast me not away from your
presence, O Lord
And take not your Holy Spirit
from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your
salvation
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3. Eternal King

Lord, speed the day
Of your justice
Of your mercy

Lord, speed the day
When the proud will fall
And the humble ones shall rise,
shall rise

*Raise our eyes, Eternal King
To the prize, by grace we win
To your kingdom come
To the reign of One
Eternal King, return*

Shield us this day
From the darkness
From your rivals

Shield us this day
Bring us low we pray
As you shape our hearts your
way, your way

Chorus

Come, Son of Man
In all power
In all glory

Come, Son of Man
Magnify your name
And the splendour of your
throne, your throne

Chorus

4. Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God,
engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves, but for
Your renown
The cross has saved us so we
pray
Your kingdom come

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that everyone might know
Your Name
Let Your song be heard
everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on
earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength, O God,
and courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want,
whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your
gospel
Till our dying breath

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
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5. No Other Name

There is no other name
In heaven can be found
Through whom we are
redeemed
Through whom your grace
abounds
No other name can save
But Jesus Christ our Lord

*My joy in sorrow's tears
My strength to cast out fears
No other name but Jesus, Jesus
My hope in darkest night
My broken soul's delight
No other name but Jesus, Jesus*

There is no victory
But Jesus crucified
No other cure for sin
But that our Saviour died
No other hope we have
But that he rose again

Chorus

No other throne endures
No other song remains
But 'Worthy is the Lamb
Who was for sinners slain'
When every knee shall bow
And tongue confess you are
Lord,
You are Lord

Chorus

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6. Rock of Ages

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
hide me now, my refuge be;
let the water and the blood
from your wounded side which
flowed,
be for sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and
power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil your law's demands
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone
you must save and you alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
simply to your cross I cling;
naked, come to you for dress,
helpless, look to you for grace;
stained by sin, to you I cry
'Wash me Saviour, or I die!''.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through realms
unknown,
bow before thy judgement
throne
hide me now, my refuge be
Rock of ages, cleft for me.

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7. There is a Blessed Home

There is a blessed home
Beyond this land of woe
Where trials never come
Nor tears of sorrow flow
Where faith is lost in sight
And patient hope is crowned
And everlasting light
It's glory throws around

There is a land of peace
Good angels know it well
Glad songs that never cease
Within its portals swell
Around its glorious throne
Ten thousand saints adore
Christ with the Father one
And Spirit evermore

O joy all joys beyond
To see that Lamb who died
And count each sacred wound
In hands and feet and side
To give to him the praise
Of every triumph won
And sing through endless days
The great things he has done

Look up, ye saints of God
Nor fear to tread below
The path your saviour trod
Of daily toil and woe
Wait but a little while
In uncomplaining love
His own most gracious smile
Shall welcome you above

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8. The Voice of the Lord

The voice of the Lord
Is over the water
With power and strength
And glorious thunder

And the earth will shake
The trees will fall
As the voice of God is heard
See the flame burst forth
New life is born
And his people cry:
“Glory!”

The voice of the Lord
Is mighty to conquer
The power of death
Is power no longer

And the lame will dance
The blind will see
And the dead will rise again
For the Word of God
Has walked with us
And he makes us cry:
“Glory!”

The Lord enthroned forever
He is King
The Lord enthroned forever
He is King
The Lord enthroned forever

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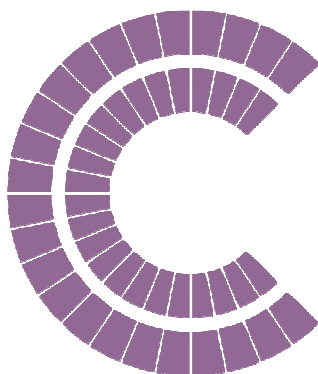
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