

Part 10: Habakkuk and Zephaniah: A Sinful World and a Holy God

Who are Habakkuk and Zephaniah?

A sinful world and a holy God

The problem:

a. _____

b. _____

Sinners deserve judgement.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ~ Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~ Romans 6:23

as it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one. ~ Romans 3:10

There is certainly no righteous man on the earth who does good and never sins. ~ Ecclesiastes 7:20

All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment; all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind. ~ Isaiah 64:6

Prayers and worship of the unrighteous:

The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. ~ Proverbs 15:29

Adulteresses! Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the world's friend becomes God's enemy. ~ James 4:4

The sacrifice of a wicked person is detestable— how much more so when he brings it with ulterior motives! ~ Proverbs 21:27

The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. ~ 2 Peter 3:9

Stop bringing useless offerings. Your incense is detestable to Me. New Moons and Sabbaths, and the calling of solemn assemblies—I cannot stand iniquity with a festival. ~ Isaiah 1:13

Because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their request. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil. ~ 1 Peter 3:12

_____:

- a. Separate, completely other.
- b. Exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness.

_____ is _____.

Who is God?

- Holy, just, righteous and pure.
- Good, loving, merciful, gracious and powerful.

Lord, I have heard the report about You; Lord, I stand in awe of Your deeds. Revive Your work in these years; make it known in these years. In Your wrath remember mercy! ~ Habakkuk 3:2

_____ of the Lord
Zephaniah 1:14-18

Power of God's _____ judgement
Habakkuk 3:9-13

Mercy on the Day of judgement.

Gather yourselves together; gather together, undesirable nation, ²before the decree takes effect and the day passes like chaff, before the burning of the Lord's anger overtakes you, before the day of the Lord's anger overtakes you. ³Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who carry out what He commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be concealed on the day of the Lord's anger. ~ Zephaniah 2:1-3

God shows _____ to those whose _____ is in HIm (example: Abraham)

Our faith in Jesus means we are _____ with His righteousness.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's glory, as the waters cover the sea. ~

Habakkuk 2:14

Look, his ego is inflated; he is without integrity. But the righteous one will live by his faith. ~

Habakkuk 2:4

Romans 1:17 (which quotes Habakkuk 2:4) changed Martin Luther's life and the concept of salvation by faith is a foundation of the Protestant Movement.

For in it God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith. ~ Romans 1:17

Our response?

- Repent and _____ God
- _____ idols (2 Kings 22-23)
- _____ Worship
- Live in Righteousness by _____

Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit 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, ¹⁸yet I will triumph in Yahweh; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! ¹⁹Yahweh my Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights! ~

Habakkuk 3:17-19