

The Minor Prophets

Voices from the past

- speaking to us today

Habakkuk

a man with a burden 1.1

- a message from God

living in difficult days 2 Chron 36.5

seeking to understand God's will

“What's going on?”

discovering gems along the way

live by faith 2.4

global glory will come 2.14

hold God in awe 2.20

in wrath, remember mercy 3.2

“even though ... nothing,

I will rejoice in God

my Saviour” 3.17-18

Why doesn't God do something?

Habakkuk 1.1-17

1. A Heartfelt Cry:

how long, and why? (vs 2-4)

- *the problem of unanswered prayer*
e.g. for revival, conversions v2
- *the problem of indifference*
towards God, vs 3-4
breakdown of law and order v3
is God indifferent?
barriers to right living v4
is God's Word impotent?
Dt 32.45-47

2. A Surprising Answer:

be amazed! (vs 5-11)

- *a Gospel application Acts 13.41*
the cross and resurrection
- *a terrifying prospect vs 5-11*
the fiercesome Babylonians

3. A Perplexing Puzzle:

why them? (vs 12-17)

- *the godless get to punish the godly
like deep-sea trawler-men vs 14-17*

LESSONS FOR TODAY

- *God's ways are a mystery to us
"nothing happens when I pray"*
- *God's answers often surprise us
be open to his lateral thinking
- outside our box*
- *God's people must trust him v12
focus on what's true about God
God is eternal
God is holy
God is sovereign
God is our Rock
"we will not die!"*