

# Sunday School Lesson

March 3, 2024

Rejoice Anyway

Habakkuk 2:1-5; 3:17-19

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## Questions for Us Today

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How difficult is it for you to maintain your faith during tough times?

How do you cope?

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## Objectives

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To understand why and how Habakkuk questioned God.

To understand how God responded to the questions from Habakkuk.

# Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Habakkuk

# Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

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5. Remember These Things

## Points of Information – Habakkuk

Habakkuk is a short Book of the Bible (with only 3 Chapters) that records a conversation between the named Prophet and the Lord God.

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The name “Habakkuk” means “strong embrace of God.”

Habakkuk was a contemporary of Jeremiah. And, he may well have been a contemporary of the Prophets Nahum and Zephaniah.

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## Lesson Context - 1

7 The setting of Habakkuk was as the Chaldeans (Babylonians) were about to conquer Judah.

The Prophet Habakkuk stood in a watchtower to patiently await a word from the Lord.

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## Lesson Context - 2

The Prophet Habakkuk wondered why God allowed such evil people (the Babylonians) to torment and conquer His Own.

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## Lesson Context - 3

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The Lord answered Habakkuk in His own time and in His own way.

## Habakkuk 2:1 [NLT]

I will climb up to my watchtower  
and stand at my guardpost.  
There I will wait to see what the  
LORD says and how He will  
answer my complaint.

## Habakkuk 2:2 [KJV]

And the LORD answered me,  
and said, Write the vision, and  
make it plain upon tables, that  
he may run that readeth it.

## Habakkuk 2:2 [NLT]

Then the LORD said to me,  
“Write my answer plainly on  
tablets, so that a runner can  
carry the correct message to  
others.

## Habakkuk 2:3

This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

## Habakkuk 2:4

“Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

## Habakkuk 2:5

Wealth is treacherous, and the arrogant are never at rest. They open their mouths as wide as the grave, and like death, they are never satisfied. In their greed they have gathered up many nations and swallowed many peoples.

## Habakkuk 3:17

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,

# Habakkuk 3:18

yet I will rejoice in the LORD!

## Habakkuk 3:19

The sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

“For the choir director: This prayer is to be accompanied by stringed instruments.”

Remember these things:

As it has been said: "Keep the faith."

No matter what, strive to keep your faith and rejoice in the Lord.

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