

Series: Facing Calamity with Maturity

Sermon: Taking Our Concerns Before the Lord

Introduction:

1. In the midst of calamity, a person might feel like their world is ending. True False
2. When calamity hits, many people ask why God would let these things happen.
 True False

Body:

Habakkuk's Initial Plea (Habakkuk ____:____)

1. The violence Habakkuk saw was enacted by whom? _____
2. The iniquity and wickedness came from people who should _____!
3. Habakkuk lived in a _____ nation.
4. So do _____
5. Habakkuk _____ to God!
6. We should do the _____! (1 Peter 5:6-11)
7. What should we cast on Him? _____
8. However, it felt like God was _____ Habakkuk's prayers.
9. Sometimes we feel like God is _____ our prayers as well.

God's Plan (Habakkuk ____:____)

1. God told Habakkuk to observe and be _____!
2. What was God going to do with the Chaldeans? _____
3. God often uses sinful nations to _____ other sinful nations.
4. The Chaldeans did not _____ the one true _____.
5. The Chaldeans were terrifyingly _____ at _____.
6. The Chaldeans were not coming for _____ or _____.
7. God did _____ the Chaldeans. But He did not let them escape _____ for their own sins.
8. Often, God's plan does not _____ what we _____ Him to do.
9. We may not _____ the answer to our _____.

Habakkuk Asks for Clarification (Habakkuk __:_____)

1. Habbakuk seems to have trouble _____ God’s response.
2. God does not _____ answer our prayers the way WE _____ HE should. Sometimes we have trouble understanding _____.
3. We must remember that God sees the _____ that we cannot see.
4. Habakkuk asks: “Why do You look with _____ on those who deal treacherously? Why are You _____ when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?”
3. Do people ask this same question (or ones like it) today? Yes No
5. There is an _____ against God here.
6. People may want to ask God “Why do you _____ these things _____?!”
7. The Chaldeans treated people like they were _____.
8. The Chaldeans worshiped _____.
9. Habakkuk seems to ask God, “Are you just going to let them freely _____ people’s lives?”
10. Where is God’s answer recorded? _____
11. We might be tempted to _____ against God in the same way.
12. However, we don’t know the _____ - _____ plan. _____ does.
(Romans 11:25-36)
 - a. “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How _____ are His judgments and _____ His ways!”
 - b. Can any human give advice to God? Yes No
 - c. Does any human know more than God? Yes No
13. Part of following God is _____ His _____. (1 Peter 5:6-11)
14. What should we do under the mighty hand of God? _____

Conclusion:

1. When you see evil in the world, take your _____ to _____.
2. Remember that He is in _____, even if you do not _____ His plan.