
**Study Questions for the May 30, 2021 Sermon:
“The Poverty Gospel”
Habakkuk 3:12-19**

1. Habakkuk composed a song/prayer of victory, even though he understood that the victory was at some undetermined future date, and that a terrible defeat with extensive suffering was imminent:
 - a. Do prophesied good events, such as the resurrection in perfect bodies, or the establishment of a perfect government, carry you through times of adversity?
 - b. When you are endeavoring to encourage someone who is suffering, do you bring up prophesied good events?
2. Pastor Paul encouraged us to remember that the glorious result of our faith and obedience may occur long after our lives. Can you give any examples of that happening:
 - a. In scripture?
 - b. In post-Biblical history or your family’s history?
3. Habakkuk understood that God was more mighty than the Chaldeans, and that when we are out of resources, God is still in charge. Give an example of God demonstrating that He was, when resources were depleted, still in charge:
 - a. In scripture.
 - b. In post-Biblical history or your personal lives.
4. Read Habakkuk 3:13. Habakkuk declares that God had saved his people in the past, and this gives Habakkuk hope for the future. If there is a Bible story that gives you hope when you are discouraged, please share it.
5. Read Habakkuk 3:17 & 3:19:
 - a. What did Habakkuk regard as the source of his strength?
 - b. Habakkuk realized that figs, olive oil, and flocks were not the source of his strength. If we were going to rewrite verse 17 for modern Americans, what things might replace figs, olive oil, and flocks as counterfeit sources of strength?