

**A Prophet Puzzled Over God's Plan
"I Am Listening, Lord" – Part 1
(Habakkuk 2:2-5)**

Introduction

Thesis: I want you to consider with me three key truths about faith from this section of Scripture, and I trust that it will be a help and encouragement through our distressing times.

I. Faith _____ the promises of God (vs. 3).

II. Faith is _____ in the proud of heart (vv. 4a, 5).

III. Faith _____ in the life of the righteous (vs. 4b).

Conclusion

Text: Habakkuk 2:2-5

² Then the LORD answered me and said,

“Record the vision

And inscribe *it* on tablets,

That the one who reads it may run.

³ “For the vision is yet for the appointed time;

It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail.

Though it tarries, wait for it;

For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

⁴ “Behold, as for the proud one,

His soul is not right within him;

But the righteous will live by his faith.

⁵ “Furthermore, wine betrays the haughty man,

So that he does not stay at home.

He enlarges his appetite like Sheol,

And he is like death, never satisfied.

He also gathers to himself all nations

And collects to himself all peoples.

Related Texts:

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Galatians 3:11

¹¹ Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Hebrews 10:38-39

³⁸ BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;

AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

Isaiah 26:3

³ “The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,

Because he trusts in You.

2 Peter 3:3-7

³ Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Isaiah 11:6, 13

⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,

And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,

And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;

And a little boy will lead them.

¹³ Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart,

And those who harass Judah will be cut off;

Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,

And Judah will not harass Ephraim.

Proverbs 6:16-19

¹⁶ There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

¹⁷ Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,

And hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans,

Feet that run rapidly to evil,

¹⁹ A false witness *who* utters lies,

And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Proverbs 16:5, 18

⁵ Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD;

Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

¹⁸ Pride *goes* before destruction,

And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

1 Peter 5:9

⁹ But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

1 John 5:4-5

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?