

Sun. School
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"Presence of Evil"

Series: ~~Evidence~~ Avoiding Confusion

1. Introduction

- a. book of Moses - Deuteronomy
- b. Why is there evil?
 - evil can come from one person
 - evil can come from group of people or even from country controlled by evil person(s)

c. Habakkuk written by prophet in Judah probably during reign of Manasseh/ and/or sons of Josiah

d. Book of Job records Job experience with evil, sorrow, & grief (Job 19:23-27)

2. How Long? (1:2)

a. Epicurus ancient Greek philosopher had questions - 350 BC

- questions about God & evil

- theodicy
- * God willing to prevent evil?
 - * God not able to stop evil?
 - * Not willing or able, why call Him God?

b. Habakkuk crying about evil & injustice in kingdom of Judah

c. Violence everywhere

3. Why God Not Listening? (1:3-4)

- a. God, you're not listening
- b. God, you will not save
- c. God, you're doing nothing

4. Habakkuk's Burden

- a. Sin & evil everywhere
- b. No justice found
- c. Wicked people everywhere

5. What is God's Plan (1:5)

a. God is sovereign

- God still rules

- God is still in control

- How? (1:12-14)

- * God created everything - very good
- * But humans (Adam & Eve) invited evil (serpent/Satan) into world

5a (cont'd) Hab 2:4-5

* Evil? Satan

* Satan's sin started in heaven

* Ezek 28:14-15

* Is 14:12-15 Lucifer chose #5
"I will's" saying these inside
himself

b. God will judge (1:6-11)

- God says "Watch" (2:2-3)

- God will raise up judgement from
outside the nation to stop
Judea's evil

- God gives the name of coming
conquering nation

* God gave name of country to
King Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:12-18,
Is. 39:1-7)

* God gave name to prophet Jeremiah
(Jer 20:4-5, 21:3-10)

* God gave kingdom of Judea
warning many years after years

* God wanted Judea to repent
turn from their sins

* God warned Judea 3 times

6. God Will Redeem

a. What is providence?

- God will provide.

- God who sees

* Latin word pro + videre = see before

b. God simply tells Habakkuk to
"Write the vision"

- these writings are in the Scriptures
in the Old Testament

- God next tells prophet to make
it plain (easy to understand)

c. God warns the prophet that this
warning is yet for an appointed
time

- Hab 2:1-3

- * Vision does not lie

* Vision will surely come

7. How should Christian Respond?

a. "Just shall live by faith" (2:4, Rom 1:17)

b. St Augustine of Hippo

c. Theodicy - problem of evil in world & God

- Satan, his demons, & human sin nature