

Habakkuk 2:6-3:19 - Pt.2

"The Holiness of God" | April 26th, 2026

Review:

The sermon this week explored God's judgment on the Chaldeans, His holiness as His chief attribute, and Habakkuk's response to encountering the holy God. The central message emphasizes that the righteous live by faith in every moment of life, trusting in God's sovereign plan even when circumstances seem overwhelming.

Key Takeaways:

1. **Sin will be punished** - God's holiness demands justice, but His mercy provides escape through Christ's substitutionary death.
2. **God's holiness is His chief attribute** - All other attributes (love, wrath, mercy, justice) are informed by and flow from His holiness.
3. **The righteous live by faith** - Not just saved by faith, but living every moment guided and led by faith in Christ.
4. **Encountering God changes us** - A genuine relationship with the holy God produces both inward transformation and outward evidence.
5. **We can rejoice in God regardless of circumstances** - Our joy is rooted in who God is, not in our current situation.

Practical Applications: What This Means For You (Choose One or Two to Try This Week)

1. Gospel Readiness

- Memorize a simple Gospel presentation
- Pray daily for one specific person who needs to hear about Christ
- Ask God for an opportunity to share the Gospel this week

2. Idol Examination

- Set aside 30 minutes for honest self-reflection
- Ask: "What good things might I love more than God?"
- Confess any idols to God and to a trusted Christian friend
- Take one practical step to dethrone that idol

3. Cultivating Reverence

- Begin each prayer time with meditation on God's holiness
- Read Isaiah 6:1-8 or Revelation 4 before prayer
- Practice praying on your knees or face down as a physical reminder of reverence

4. Remembrance Practice

- Create a list of God's faithfulness in your life
- When anxiety or fear arise, intentionally remember God's character and past provision
- Share one testimony of God's faithfulness with someone this week

5. Habakkuk's Prayer

- Read Habakkuk 3:17-19 every morning this week
- Journal about areas where you need to trust God despite circumstances
- Practice choosing joy in God when circumstances are difficult

Questions for Reflection:

1. Habakkuk experienced physical trembling and fear in God's presence. When was the last time your encounter with God in prayer or worship produced a noticeable, reverent response in you?

2. In what ways might you be crafting modern-day idols from good things God has given you, and how can you identify when devotion to something has replaced devotion to God?

3. How does recognizing that Christ's primary purpose was to save you from hell, rather than just improve your life, affect your urgency in sharing the Gospel with others?

4. Habakkuk moved from complaint to rejoicing in God despite unchanged circumstances. What current trial are you facing where you need to choose rejoicing in who God is over demanding changed circumstances?

Scripture Memory: Psalm 73:28

"But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works."

Learning to Pray:

- Confession of sin and idolatry
- Thanksgiving for Christ's substitutionary death
- Praise for God's holiness
- Requests for faith to trust God in current trials
- Boldness to share the Gospel