

“Be Careful What You Wish For!” Habakkuk Part 1

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Habakkuk 1:1-4*

New Covenant: *Matthew 23:29-39*

II Doctrine: Throughout history God’s people have suffered witnessing the lawlessness around them. How much worse the suffering when it is your own people who are wicked. This was the situation Habakkuk found himself in when he recorded his conversation with God. Habakkuk passionately asks God why he allows his commands to be perverted by his covenant people, and judgment on the wicked has not occurred.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

1) Throughout history God’s people have suffered witnessing the lawlessness around them. (2 Peter 2:4-9; Genesis 19:1-5)

2) How much worse the suffering when it is your own people who are wicked. This was the situation Habakkuk found himself in when he recorded his conversation with God. (2 Chronicles 36:1-8)

3) Habakkuk passionately asks God why he allows his commands to be perverted by his covenant people, and judgment on the wicked has not occurred. (*Matthew 23:29-39*)

Definition of theodicy

: defense of God's goodness and omnipotence in view of the existence of evil

Introduction

- Habakkuk – means “the one who embraces”
- He is from Jerusalem – about 606 – 597 B. C.
- He was contemporary with Jeremiah
- The prophecy is about the fall of Judah and the captivity by Babylon (Chaldeans).

