

Vocal Prelude.....Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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Who holds our days within His hand?

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And what will keep us to the end?

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CHORUS: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal

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God's Glory through the Word

Scripture Reading (William Lentz).....Psalm 91

Psalm 91 (ESV)

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—

10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Call to Worship.....#36 *Immortal, Invisible*

*VERSE 1: Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*VERSE 2: Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*VERSE 3: To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee!*

*VERSE 4: Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

Scripture Meditation.....**Romans 11:33-36**

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:33–36, ESV)

Prayer.....Pastor Luke Love

God's Grace in the Gospel

Hymn of Reassurance.....#67 *Still, My Soul, Be Still*

VERSE 1: Still my soul be still

And do not fear

Though winds of change may rage tomorrow

God is at your side

No longer dread

The fires of unexpected sorrow

CHORUS: God You are my God

And I will trust in You and not be shaken

Lord of peace renew

A steadfast spirit within me

To rest in You alone

VERSE 2: Still my soul be still

Do not be moved

By lesser lights and fleeting shadows

Hold onto His ways

With shield of faith

Against temptations flaming arrows. CHORUS

VERSE 3: Still my soul be still

Do not forsake

The Truth you learned in the beginning

Wait upon the Lord

And hope will rise As stars appear when day is dimming. CHORUS

God's Truth in Preaching.....Pastor Luke Love

"The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!" (Habakkuk 1:1-11, ESV)

Faith When it Seems the World is Broken

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Habakkuk 1:1-11

Truth: Godly faith holds on through brokenness.

I. The Perplexing Waiting for God's Working — 1-4

II. The Perfect Plan of God's Sovereignty — verses 5-11

God's People in Response

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Hymn of Praise.....#26 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*VERSE 1: I sing the mighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.*

*VERSE 2: I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.*

*Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.*

*VERSE 3: There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from Thy throne;*

*While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God art present there.*

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Habakkuk 1:1-11

1. Of all the questions Habakkuk asks in the first few verses of Habakkuk, which are the ones that you have found yourself asking as well?
2. What are the dangers of a church culture where it is felt that the hard questions that Habakkuk asked can't be asked, or that to have faith in God means we never have questions of God? Can a Christian go too far or too long with questions like Habakkuk's questions? Why or why not?
3. How does the gospel answer the questions found in Habakkuk 1:2-4? How does the gospel answer the charges that God is not doing anything about violence, injustice, or sin?
4. What are wrong places to turn when we have hard questions for what God is or is not doing?
5. How does God's answer in verses 5 and 6, build our faith in moments we see a broken world around us?