

## Read Habakkuk 2:4-20

Note: These passages will be noted in next week's message but wanted you to have interacted with the text beforehand.

10. These verses reflect God's rationale for enacting His judgment upon the Babylonians (Verses 6-20 are actually written as five taunt songs).
11. Verse 4 contrasts the proud and the righteous. What NT writer used the latter half of this verse to build an entire theology of salvation?
12. Was there something from the message not covered by this study that you want to mention or discuss?

## Response – Making it Practical

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1. Do you struggle with the character of God depicted in this study?
2. What do you need to begin praying for in your life in response to this study?

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## Why Do the Wicked Prosper? Quandary – Part 2

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# Life Group Study Notes

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It's bad enough that evil exists. What makes it more confounding is when it appears to prosper. Nothing questions the validity or existence of God more than the appearance of evil winning.



In this message we touch on the answer that God gives and the tensions these questions create.

## Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

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1. What was the one key takeaway from last week's study?
2. What does 1:17 tell us about Habakkuk's understanding of the nature and character of God? Especially in light of what has just been revealed to him.
3. What modern day equivalent was presented for God using the Babylonians as instruments of discipline against the people of Judah?
4. As a point for discussion, is it possible that we could experience God's discipline without even recognizing it as such? How would we know?
5. What would you consider to be present-day issues that could potentially become objects of God's judgment?
6. What response does God give Habakkuk when asked about allowing the wickedness of the Babylonians (2:2-3)? Is this answer satisfactory for you?
7. What tensions do these passages raise?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_
8. What was presented as the downside of God's patience?
9. What impact should these passages have on the church?