

## **Liberty and Justice For All? 5/26/19**

### **Memorial Day-Remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice**

*"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

**Habakkuk 1:1** The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw  
The prophet heard from the Lord that it is too late... Unlike Joel-Zephaniah-Amos there is no call for national repentance. God clearly states His intentions

**Habakkuk 2:4** Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous (just) shall live by his faith.

Habakkuk sees a vision...we are not privy to what he sees...but we sense his assurance although Judah is doomed there is hope for those who hold firm their trust in God  
The Chaldeans are going to be brought to naught as all nations opposed to God  
**2:14** " the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters covers the sea."

He had no fear that any rebellious nation will have the last say

**2:20** " The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him"

**Habakkuk 3:19** God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Chapter 3 is his response to what God has said and is intended as a psalm for worship  
He wants us to sing it with him when we face the judgment of God. Tribulation is coming on the world , as Jesus said ( Matthew 24:21 ). How should we prepare for it? How shall we endure it?

**3:2-15** sober and healthy fear of the judgment of God-prays God will have mercy on him for God has the power to save all those who will trust him and rejoice in him alone when all else fails!!

Habakkuk is close to the heart of the Gospel-he states righteous people have faith and this faith saves them...but the heart of the Gospel was not revealed until Christ had come

**Romans 3:24-26** (sinners) are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be *just and the justifier* of the one who has faith in Jesus.

None is able to be the JUSTICE as it took a perfect lamb to satisfy the Lords wrath and penalty. We need to be reminded we were lost! And in danger of certain judgment under the justice proclaimed by God to Habakkuk but also given the way to escape.

When we put our trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, when we give up trying to lead our own life and establish our own worth, and instead surrender our heart to him and bank on him for our future, three things happen. (1) Our sin receives its deserved condemnation. (2) God's righteousness receives its deserved glorification. (3) And we receive our undeserved justification.

## **The Lamb That Was Slain-He grants everlasting justice!**