



EXALTING JESUS CHRIST

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GRACE

When Life Seems Unfair (Part 2): "Where's Happiness Found?"

HABAKKUK 2:6-20

MAIN POINT: HAPPINESS IS ONLY FOUND IN GOD'S MERCY.

I. What about the unrighteous? (2:6-20)

A. Woe #1: _____ (2:6-8)

"The incredible rise in living standards for the majority of Americans and Western Europeans has made them more affluent, healthier, more comfortable, more free, and sovereign over ever taller piles of stuff—but has not made them any happier." (Gregg Eastbrook)

B. Woe #2: _____ (2:9-11)

C. Woe #3: _____ (2:12-14)

"On the Day of Judgment those who have rejected him will try to escape from him. They will call on the mountains and rocks to engulf them: 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?' For those who have trusted and followed him, however, that day will be like a wedding day and a wedding feast." (John Stott)

D. Woe #4: _____ (2:15-17)

E. Woe #5: _____ (2:18-19)

"...covetousness is a glutton for stuff. Through covetous attraction and distractions within the heart, our stuff takes on meaning in our lives far beyond what God intends...Idolatrous cravings maneuver our hearts away from God and affix them to things of this world." (Dave Harvey)

II. Conclusion: (2:20)

Application Questions:

1. God describes five reasons for His impending judgment against Babylon. How are these reasons connected to the world's pursuit of happiness?
2. When life seems unfair, how do you pursue happiness? In the end, what will your pursuit ultimately lead to?
3. What is your only hope for happiness? How has mercy been provided for you?
4. What specific promises of God are you holding fast to right now? How do you know that these promises are yours?

5. Pray for a renewed wonder at God's mercy towards you this week.
6. How can you allow others to taste of God's mercy this week? (Be specific and share it with someone else who can help you pursue this commitment.)