

Righteousness Revealed Habakkuk 2

Our righteousness is in Him, and our hope depends, not upon the exercise of grace in us, but upon the fullness of grace and love in Him, and upon His obedience unto death.

-John Newton

I. God's Timing is Perfect

II. God's Character is Perfect

Into the Bible

1. Knowing that God is characterized as a “righteous judge” we expect justice to be done and sinners to face judgment. But our timetable for God’s justice is too often dominated by our sense of the present. The “wait and see” of Habakkuk 2:3 finds echoes in the New Testament in 1 Corinthians 4:5. God’s judgment is inevitable—read Revelation 20:1-15 for a description, but why is God’s timetable not in alignment with ours in this? (2 Peter 3:8-9)

Application

2. Much has been made of the statement here that “the righteous will live by faith” as indicating the failure of a works-based salvation. But this verse also tells us *how* to live as God’s children—by faith. 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Hebrews 11:1 describe what this entails. What is the reason I can live trusting God by faith? (Hebrews 10:23 and Ezekiel 12:28)

3. In C.S. Lewis' classic *Till We Have Faces*, the main character and narrator comes to the end of her life having compiled a large book containing her "complaint against the gods" for their unfairness. Bringing it to them she looks down to find it small, scribbled and petty rather than the ringing denunciation she intended. Verse 20 of chapter 2 indicates that all the earth should keep silence in the presence of the Lord, why is this appropriate? (Psalm 33:8, Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 6:1-7)

For Families

4. Talk with your children about why we can trust God's promises.