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"Habakkuk, You Say?"

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"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord."

- Habakkuk 2:14

The general Christian public cannot tell you who Habakkuk is in the Bible, and few have actually read it. So the question is: who is Habakkuk, and what does his extremely short book of the Old Testament actually tell us?

To start with, the book of Habakkuk is less than three pages long, situated between the books of Nahum and Zephaniah (which, again, not that many Christians have actually read). The book is one of the twelve minor prophets (as opposed to one of the major prophets, such as Isaiah or Jeremiah, which are *way* longer), and was written by a prophet named (*shocker!*) Habakkuk. There is very little known about Habakkuk in general, but there is a *lot* we can learn from the book he wrote.

Personally my favorite Old Testament book thus far, the first half of the book is essentially Habakkuk complaining and crying out to God, which is something we can all relate to. Then God answers him, giving him hope and a reason for everything that's happening. "For I am going to do something in your days, that you would not believe even if you were told," God tells Habakkuk in the first chapter (verse five). How refreshing does that feel? Almost like it's an answer to us, in a way. We all want this difficult time to be over, but – in reality – Habakkuk lived in a time that was *much* worse. A world corrupt with war and violence, to say the least. But God told Him that He was going to do something amazing with all of it. How great is that?

In a nutshell, Habakkuk is a book of hope. Parts of it even resemble Psalms; whole paragraphs praising God on how wonderful He is. It's time that we stop skimming over this

seemingly-insignificant book of the Bible (and the Old Testament in general), and actually read what it has to say. God put it there for a reason.

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior" (Habakkuk 3:17-18).

The Excellence of Love

By Talia Michel

"A loving heart is the truest wisdom."

- Charles Dickens

1 Corinthians 13:4 and 13:7

[4] "Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant," (so far that's pretty amazing). And [7] "(love) Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Wow, that's impressive. Think about it; if we had *real* love we'd be . . . Well . . . practically perfect. We simply will never love people fully, but God does, He is all that love is *and more*. He loves us immensely, so much so that he gave up his only child for us.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

That's big. He loved us so much He gave up His son for us. Imagine giving up something precious to you because you just love someone *that* much. It's not something we naturally do, and certainly not an automatic response. Sure, we can love.

But can we love that much?

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Interest? Get in touch with us at <u>princessgiant8@gmail.com</u>! There's tons of things that need to be done, so there will certainly be a place for you. And you don't need to meet with us physically. Most of the help we need will be things like managing an Instagram account to reach more people, keeping the website (when it's finished) up to date, or even mailing letters to people who don't have email accounts (and, yes, we have a list of them).

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