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Session 10

RELIGION VERSUS “THE WAY”

**“We know nothing
of religion here: we
think only of Christ.”**

C.S. Lewis (1946). *The Great Divorce*.





Outline

- 1** The Prophet Worrying
- 2** The Prophet Watching and Waiting
- 3** The Prophet Worshipping

The Prophet Wondering and Worrying

A. “Why Is God So Indifferent?”—1:2–4

- The prophet’s concern (vv. 2-3)
- The basic cause (v. 4)
- The Lord’s counsel (vv. 5-11)

God’s reply: “I am working.” (Habakkuk 1:5-11)

B. “How Could God Be So Inconsistent?”—1:12–17

- The holiness of God (vv. 12–13)
- The helplessness of the people (vv. 14–15)
- The haughtiness of the enemy (vv. 16–17)

The Prophet Watching and Waiting

A. Write God’s vision—2:1–3

B. Trust God’s world—2:4–5

“The just shall live by faith”—1—2:4

C. Declare God’s judgment—2:6–20

1. Woe to the selfish—2:6–8
2. Woe to the covetous—2:9–11
3. Woe to the exploiters—2:12–14
 - “God’s glory will fill the earth”—2:14
4. Woe to the drunkards—2:15–17
5. Woe to the idolaters—2:18–20
 - “God is still on His throne”—2:20

The Prophet Worshipping and Witnessing

<p>01</p> <p>Pray for the Work of God (3:1-2)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Prayer:</p>	<p>Tremble at God's past action (v. 1-16)</p>
<p>02</p> <p>Ponder God's Greatness (3:3-15)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Vision:</p>	
<p>03</p> <p>Affirm the Will of God (3:16-19)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Faith:</p>	<p>(v. 17-19) Trust in God's future protection</p>

Habakkuk in Two Parts

Chapters 1 & 2

- Wrestling with God
- Miserable
- Shouting
- Prayer
- Impatient
- Asks for justice
- Down in the dumps
- God is inactive*

* In the present

**What
Happened?**

Chapter 3

- Resting in God
- Happy
- Singing
- Praise
- Patient
- Asks for mercy
- On a high
- God is active**

** In the past and future

Key Verse (and Summary)



THE
JUST SHALL
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FAITH

Habakkuk 2:4

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Romans 1:17

Galatians 3:11

Hebrew 10:38

The Trilogy of Habakkuk 2:4



For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

ROMANS 1:17

KJV

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God
it is evident: for the just shall live by



FAITH

Galatians 3:11

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**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.**

Hebrews 11:1 (New King James Version)



Hebrews 11 - The Hall of Faith

The Description of Faith

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good report. ³ Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.



Hebrews 11 - The Hall of Faith

The Demonstration of Faith

Worshipping in Faith

⁴ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Walking in Faith

⁵ By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Waiting in Faith

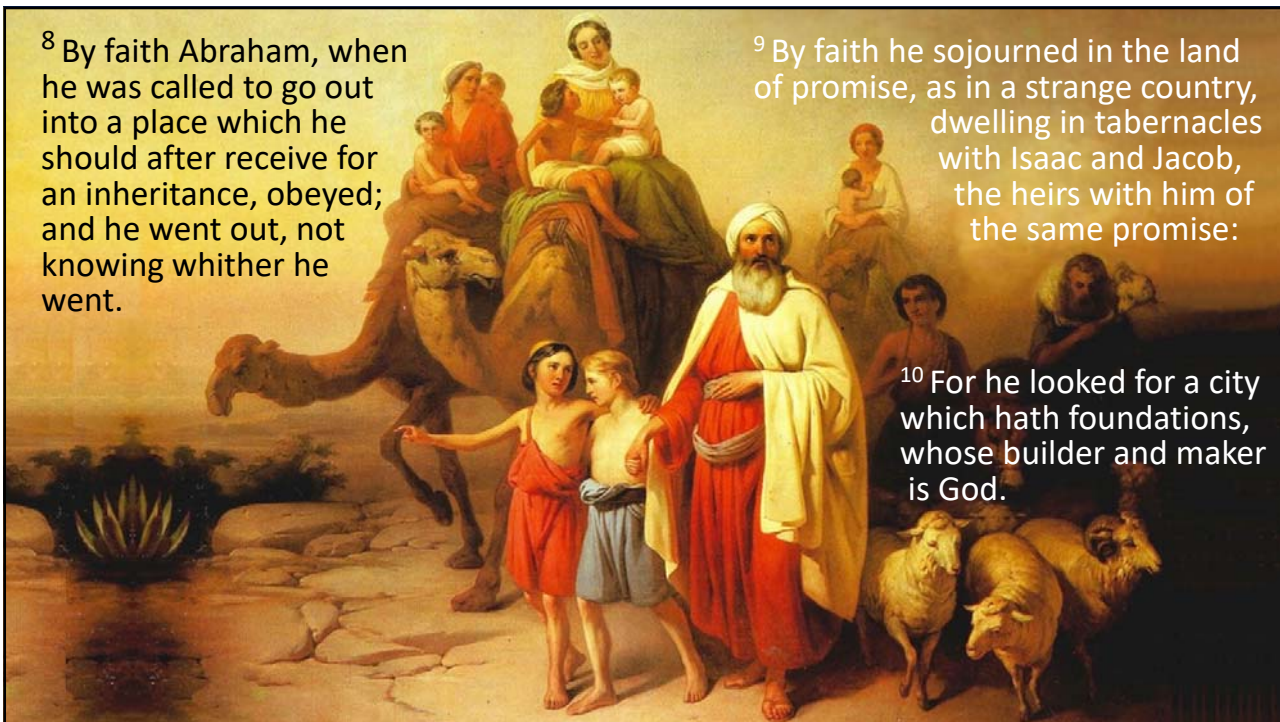
⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.



⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.



¹¹ Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

¹² Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

¹⁴ For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

¹⁵ And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

¹⁶ But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

¹⁸ Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

¹⁹ Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.



Warring in Faith

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

²⁸ Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

Winning in Faith

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

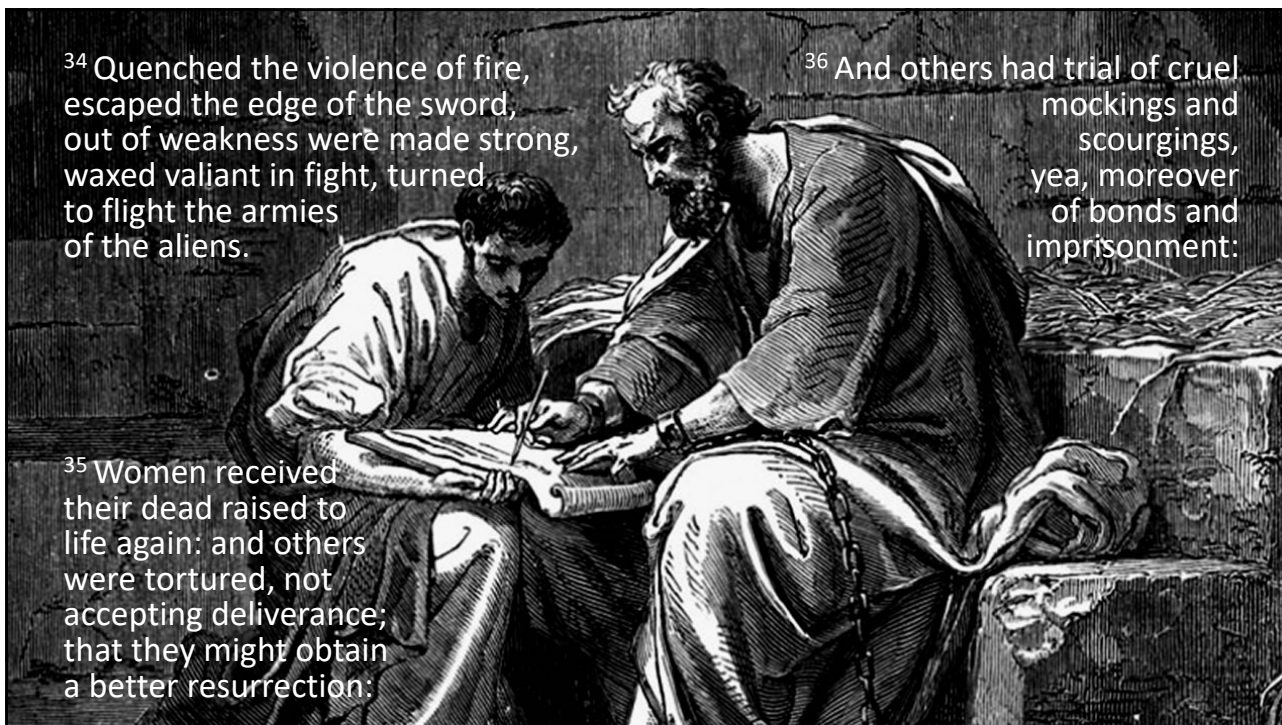
³¹ By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Various Heroes of Faith

³² And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

³³ Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

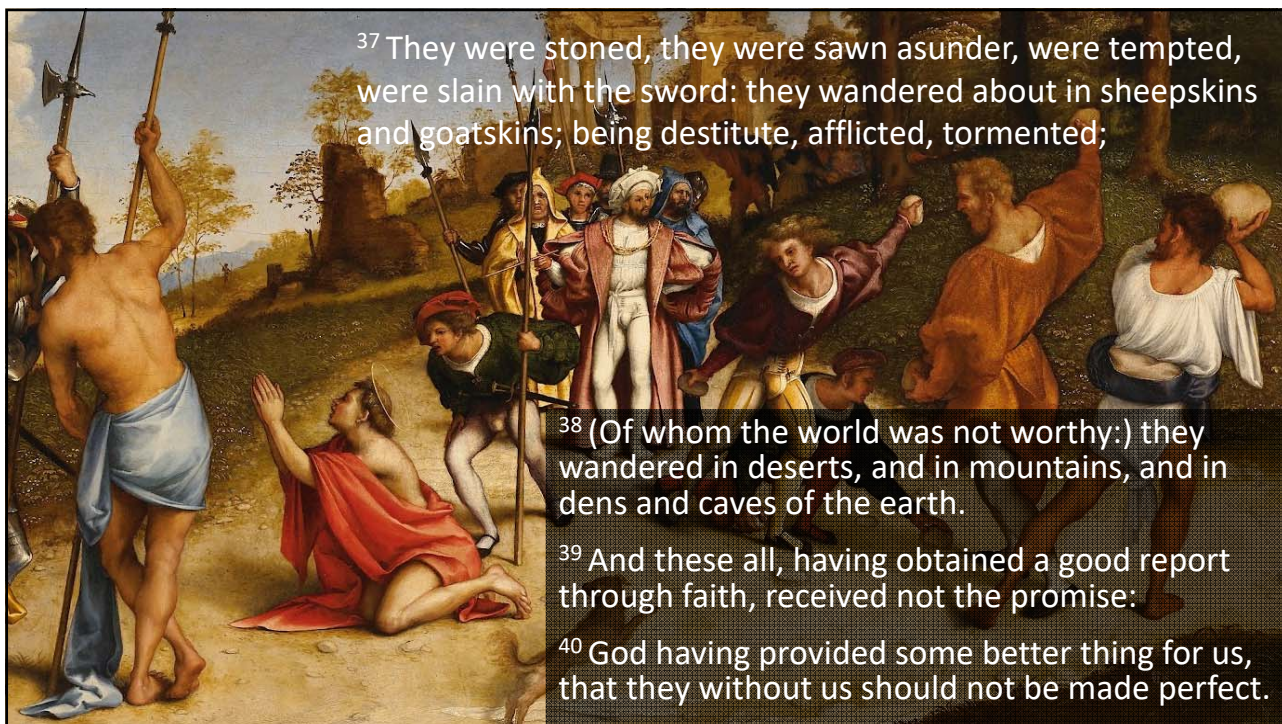




³⁴ Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

³⁶ And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:



³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

³⁸ (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.



“The LORD God is my strength, and he will
Make my feet like hind’s feet, and he will
make Me to walk upon mine high places...”

Habakkuk 3:19 (KJV)



Habakkuk’s Prayer

Habakkuk and Jonah

- Jonah ministered to the Assyrians.
 - Habakkuk to the Babylonians.
- Jonah ran from God when he heard what God was going to do.
 - Habakkuk ran to God wondering what God would do.
- Jonah saw the salvation of God to the Gentiles.
 - Habakkuk saw the sovereignty of God through the Gentiles.
- Jonah's story ends in foolishness as he worries about the gourd.
 - Habakkuk's story ends in faith as he trusts God.
- Jonah had to learn inside a fish.
 - Habakkuk learned in the high tower.