Study Guide for July 11, 1999
Series: Faith in Fearful Times - Habakkuk
Text: Habakkuk 2:2-20

1. While coming to terms with the news of God's impending judgment on his nation, Habakkuk is also coming to terms with God. When have you been in a situation when you questioned the fairness or wisdom of God? How would you describe your faith in God now as you look back on that situation?

2. Last week we heard Habakkuk questioning God for planning to use the Babylonians, a fierce, proud idolatrous nation to "discipline" Judah. Habakkuk confessed his faith in God by committing to wait for God to answer his complaint (Hab. 2:1). What is God's answer? Read Hab. 2:2-4.

3. Part of God's answer to Habakkuk is a summons to **live by faith** (Hab. 2:4). This becomes a central text by some of the New Testament writers. Note how it is used in the following passages.

   A. Romans 1:16-17:

   B. Galatians 3:10-14:

   C. Hebrews 10:32-39:

4. In 2:6-20 God answers Habakkuk's question of whether He is fair. We are given a song with 5 stanzas. In this ***taunt,*** the once-oppressed people now sing over their former oppressors - the Babylonians - because God will act in judgment to bring about justice. Read each section and note what sin or sins are condemned. To whom could this text be applied today?

Text	**Sins Condemned**	**Contemporary Application**
A. Vs. 6-8:	Greed, extortion, stealing for personal gain.	
B. Vs. 9-11:		
C. Vs. 12-14:	Violence, pride (building city for reputation).	
D. Vs. 15-17:		
E. Vs. 18-20:		

5. Write out and meditate on vss. 14 & 20. How would they have helped Habakkuk? In light of your coming to terms with God (Question #1), how do these verses give perspective for you?