

Faith in God – what does it look
like? Hab.2:1-5

Waiting & focusing are vital to a life of faith

1. The gift of Prayer – Hab.1

Habakkuk is bewildered by:-

- a. God's reluctance to act – 1:2-4
- b. God's unbelievable ways – 1:12-17

Helplessness + faith → prayer

“Helplessness becomes prayer the moment you go to Jesus and speak candidly and confidently with him about your needs” (Hallesby)

2. The gift of God's word – 2:1-5

a. Alert to God's word – v.1; Is.21:6-8

The gift of God's word

b. A word for all – v.2

- “run with it” – proclaim it, pass it on
Jer.23:21; Col.3:16

c. A trustworthy word – v.3

- God has his timetable – he will act
- Be patient, “wait for it”

d. A Gospel word – v.4,5

2 attitudes are contrasted:-

1. The pride of the unbeliever
2. The faith of the believer

a. Put right with God – justified

- O.T. - Gen.15:6; Rom.4:1-8

- N.T. - Rom.1:17; Gal.3:6-11

Rom.1-5 The Gospel – Justification

a. We stand naked/guilty before God - 1:18-3:20

b. God's provision – the Cross – 3:21-26

c. Justified through faith – 3:27-5:21

b. The “righteous” living by faith in God

A steadfast, persevering faith—Heb.10:37,38

Rom.6-8 - God’s provision

1. Resurrection life of Jesus – ch.6
2. Our lack of power on our own – ch.7
3. The Spirit gives life, power & assurance – ch.8

3. Vital questions

- a. Am I right with God?
- b. Do I live by faith in God?
 - prayer at the heart of my life
 - an eager, expectant, obedient reader of God's word
 - refusing to take my focus from God
- c. Do I wait for God, and actively obey him?