**Something to Look Forward To**

Fixing our sight on God’s revelation of the future

Question 1: How do I look forward to the future when life looks like it will get worse and not better?

Question 2: How do I look forward to the future when something horrible happens without any warning?

Question 3: What kind of future am I looking forward to?

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*Habakkuk 1-3*

Faith is . . .

- focused on God as He reveals Himself

- directed to the future based on the past

*Believe truth about God despite His people’s disbelief* (Hab 1:1-4)

“They insinuate that the wrongdoers are able to use the law so as to wrong other people who are less adept at working the legal system. It seems that the usual rule holds that the powerful and clever people in the community and the people who exercise authority there are themselves heavily involved in the wrongdoing, in fraud and violence. Community life is totally broken down.”

**John Goldingay**

*Believe truth about God despite His sovereign plan appearing to make matters worse* (1:5-2:5)

THEODICY = God’s work in the world appearing to contradict His revealed nature

“The righteous shall live by faith”

Romans 1:17

Galatians 3:11

Hebrews 10:32-39

*Believe truth about God despite the sinful world appearing to succeed* (Hab 2:6-20)

* Woe on those who take advantage of others for personal gain (vs. 6-8)
* Woe on those who secure their future by destroying others (vs. 9-11)
* Woe on those who build up for themselves through injustice (vs. 12-14)
* Woe on those who humiliate or abuse others (vs. 15-17)
* Woe on those who make idols that compete with God (vs. 18-20)

*Believe truth about God because God has been true to His word* (Hab 3:1-19)

“The Christian faith is solidly based upon facts, not ideas. And if the facts recorded in the Bible are not true, then I have no hope and no comfort. For we are not saved by ideas; but by facts, by events.”

**Martin Lloyd-Jones**

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