

A FREE THINKER THINKS ABOUT EVIL

Hab.

Intro. Not how much man can get away with, but how can God tolerate. Does flourishing evil bother you? Hab asked God 2 ques. Why does God allow wickedness to continue in Judah, and how can He use more wicked people to punish J

I. The Sins of God's People, 1:2-4

Iniquity=^{2K9 23:35}moral evil; grievance(wickedness)=trouble, misery, spoiling and violence=violent mishandling of people; strife and contention=animosity among members of community. Torah numbed, paralyzed; perverted justice. Jehoiakim 609-598. Heb 807. Baal worshiped in gates of tem. Jer 22:17; 36:23.

II. The Sins of All People

- A. Greedy usurers, 2:6-7. Thick clay=pledges, security for loans. bite=creditors. Deut 23:20.
- B. Extortioners and grafters who think they are secure, 2:9.
- C. Rulers who build at expense of others, 2:12. ^{By the} ^{prison} ^{with} ⁱⁿ
- D. Lawless people who use alcohol as prelude to perversion, 2:15-16. Be uncircumcized=be object of scorn. Shameful spueing=utter shame.
- E. Idolators who worship inanimate objects.

III. The Believers' Reactions

Tolerance? Polite blackmail-I allow your sins if you allow mine? Compromise?

- A. Be sensitive to sin, 1:2. Jehoiachin only 2 yrs. On basis of God's revealed law, 4.
- B. Be steadfast in service, 2:4 live=enjoy abundance and deliverance by faithfulness, moral steadfastness. Heb 10:38. ^{Returns here (+ sinners coming ordered) by God Jer 10 31}
- C. Be silent, submissive to plan of God, in presence of G. 2:20. Silence before rev of God in judgment in ch 3. After rev, 3:16 rest quietly when He comes against the people who will invade us. The devastation, 17, exult in God, 18 ^{it's a! Be quiet!}

Cond. Hab = endurance (the love for God).

607. 2K9 23:34-24:5 Sinners great. In 36 - still carrying.