

<p><b>EBC Café</b> is Open Mon, Tues &amp; Wed this week. <b>Help is always needed.</b> See Charles if you can help</p>	<p><b>OASIS Groups</b> Fri 24th May is 'Crab &amp; Chip'. Please see Amy or Duncan for more information.</p>	<p><b>Ladies Time Out</b> Ladies if you have not yet received your invite for this event on Nov 8th &amp; 9th please see Hazel Evans today</p>
<p><b>Praise and Prayer</b> evening service on 2nd June 7pm. See Alison Plummer for more information</p>	<p><b>Men: Making a Difference</b> 11-12th Oct 2019 If you have not booked your place yet please see Kye or pick up a booking form from the front Foyer</p>	<p><b>Some of Food Bank Needs :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jams</li> <li>• Shampoo</li> <li>• Toilet Rolls</li> <li>• Cereals</li> <li>• Tin Fruit</li> <li>• Pasta Meals</li> <li>• Pasta Sauces</li> <li>• Toothpaste</li> </ul>
<p><b>Two CAP Money Courses</b> are booked for: Monday evenings 19:30 - 21:30 June 3 &amp; 17, and July 1 (in the lounge) &amp; Tuesday afternoons 14:30 - 16:30 June 4 &amp; 18, and July 2 (in the front foyer) If you would like to attend or have any questions, please email Glyn Lumley on glyn.lumley@me.com, text or phone 07720 772010, or speak to him at church.</p>		<p><b>Food for Thought</b> Meeting on Thurs 23rd May Guest Speaker is Chris Trueman. Starts 2.30pm.</p>

## Sunday 19th May 2019

### 10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am Children and youth groups leave  
 Nippers: Pre-school 2+  
 Buzz: Reception, school years 1-5  
 Salt: School years 6-11

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### NEXT WEEK:

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?

Email [housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk](mailto:housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk) and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

**10.30am** Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.  
*Main Door* Graham King  
*Inner Door* Ingram & Anne Bright  
*Easy Worship* Sue Wilson  
*Teas & Coffees* Patricia King &? /Chris & Wendy Tabb

**Sermon outline notes: Habakkuk Chapter 3**

- 1) **The story so far**
  - (a) Habakkuk's basic dilemma was why God was allowing Judah to decline morally and spiritually without apparently doing anything about that decline.
  - (b) God informs Habakkuk that he is doing something—he is raising up the Babylonians as an instrument of judgement and punishment on Judah.
  - (c) Habakkuk questions God about the use of the Babylonians, who are far worse than the people of Judah, as an instrument of judgement.
  - (d) God shows Habakkuk the eventual downfall of Babylon—they too will be judged and punished.
- 2) Chapter 3 is a 'sung prayer' The use of 'Shigionoth' and 'Selah' and the last phrase 'for the director of music' indicate that this is a prayer set to music.
- 3) The prayer (vv 1-2) begins with Habakkuk reflecting on the great things God has done for his people in the past and petitioning that God repeat those great things in the present. He prays also that in the midst of judgement on the people God would remember mercy.
- 4) vv 3-15 These verses are reference/allusions to the Exodus and entry into the promised land. It's a reflection on the deeds of God against the enemies of his people. These verses are very similar to the Song of Moses and Miriam in Exodus chapter 15 and the Song of Deborah in Judges chapter 5.
- 5) vv 16-17 Habakkuk's mind turns to consider the reality of the Babylonians conquest and what it will mean. He realizes the awfulness of what is about to happen, yet feels 'strangely reassured' that Babylon will be 'paid back' by God.

- 6) The Babylonians took many of God's people into exile. They destroyed the Temple and the city of Jerusalem and the national life of Judah as a political entity ceased. But Babylon around 70-80 years later was conquered by the Persians and the people of God in exile were allowed to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple.
- 7) However hard the judgement in Judah is, Habakkuk retains his belief in a God of justice, who must punish evil and wickedness and who will bring salvation and restoration to his people. Habakkuk will go on trusting God and will find joy and strength through his relationship with God, joy and strength despite the difficult circumstances :- vv 17-18. These verses are magnificent verses and present to us not only an example but a challenge.

**Points to Ponder**

- 1) Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) How are wrath and mercy related? What is Habakkuk requesting in the phrase 'in wrath remember mercy'?
- 3) Are Habakkuk's words in vv 17-18 beyond us? Are they unrealistic?
- 4) Is Jesus enough for us? How do you think you would react if you lost everything?
- 5) What have you learnt about God from the short studies on Habakkuk?