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TOUGH QUESTIONS FOR TROUBLED TIMES

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Woes: Sowing and Reaping

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Habakkuk 2:6-20 (ESV)

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make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. ⁸ Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. ⁹ “Woe to him who gets evil

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gain for his house, to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach of harm! ¹⁰ You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited your life. ¹¹ For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond.

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¹² “Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! ¹³ Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing? ¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the

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glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵ “Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! ¹⁶ You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and

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show your uncircumcision! The cup in the Lord's right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory!

¹⁷ The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of

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man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. ¹⁸ “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! ¹⁹ Woe to him who says to

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a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. ²⁰ But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

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If our righteousness requires the sacrifice of God's Son, what will our sins require of us should we die in them? If our righteousness caused the perfect Son of God such suffering, what kind of suffering will our sins bring us were we to be judged for them?

– Thabiti Anyabwile

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Habakkuk 2:6 (ESV)

Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him,

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God says this about things that will happen,
“Shall not all the peoples of the nation of
Judah (the righteous) take up their taunt
against the unrighteous Babylonians, with
scoffing and riddles for the unrighteous
Babylonians,”

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Habakkuk 2:6-8 (ESV)

Stealing

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Habakkuk 2:9-11 (ESV) Not Trusting God

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Habakkuk 2:9-11 (ESV) Not Trusting God

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Habakkuk 2:12-14 (ESV) Seeking Own Fame

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Habakkuk 2:15-17 (ESV) Glorifying in Sin

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Romans 1:16-24 (ESV)

**God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts
to impurity.**

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- Habakkuk 2:16 The cup in the Lord's right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory!
- Psalm 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

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Habakkuk 2:18-20 (ESV) Idolatry

¹⁸ “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! ¹⁹ Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach?

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Five Woes

- **Stealing**
- **Not Trusting God**
- **Seeking Your Own Fame**
- **Glorifying in Sin**
- **Idolatry**

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Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV)

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no

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Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV)

one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp

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Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV)

sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

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II Corinthians 2:17, 21 (ESV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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