

**A Time with Jesus Bible Study
TWCC 10-27-2022**

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Question 1 – ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

- What does it mean to cry for help?
- Is this something that you have done before?

Question 2 – what is the appointed time?

Psalm 119:137-144

¹³⁷You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

¹³⁸You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

¹³⁹My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

¹⁴⁰Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

¹⁴¹I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

¹⁴²Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

¹⁴⁴Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Question 1 – ¹³⁷You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

- How does this passage balance itself with not being a person who judges others?

Question 2 - ¹⁴⁴Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

- What does a degree mean to you in terms of hearing from God?

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Question 1 – ³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing.

- What is the right way to treat your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Question 2 – How does praying for your church family affect you?

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy

to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Question 1 – why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to have an encounter with Jesus?

Question 2 – ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

- Do you think Zacchaeus thought there was a price to or for forgiveness?
- What is the price for forgiveness and why do you think what you do?