

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# The Prophecy of Habakkuk

Course Lecturer: Harold L. Longenecker, DD  
Former Professor and President of Montana Institute of the Bible

## Course Description

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How does one place absolute trust in God in the midst of uncertainty? The book of Habakkuk details the doubts and questions raised by Habakkuk, a man of God searching for answers. Set during a time of Israelite rebellion, Habakkuk was perplexed by the events that surrounded him. In this course, Longenecker takes students through God's responses as listeners learn about the seriousness of sin and God's sovereignty in history. The book of Habakkuk shows that believers can place ultimate faith in God even when they don't fully understand the circumstances of their lives.

## Course Objectives

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Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to do the following:

- Grasp the message of the book of Habakkuk.
- Be convicted of the seriousness of sin and its offense against God.
- Embrace the role doubt can play in one's spiritual development.
- Recognize God's love and faithfulness in dark times.
- Understand the book's relevance for today.
- Apply the book's message to life and ministry.

## Course Lecturer

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*Harold L. Longenecker, DD (1926-2014)*

**Education:**

- Western Baptist Seminary, DD
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, ThM

**Teaching Career:**

- Director Emeritus, Rural Home Missionary Association
- Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies and President, Montana Institute of the Bible (1966-1979)
- Lecturer and guest speaker at numerous schools and churches throughout the United States

- Speaker in Europe and South America
- Visiting professor in France and Venezuela

### **Other Career Highlights:**

- Director Emeritus, Rural Home Missionary Association (RHMA)
- Minister at Large, RHMA (14 years)
- General Director, RHMA (9 years)
- Member, Independent Fundamental Churches of America (IFCA) and National Home Missions Fellowship
- Ordained by the Congregational Bible Church
- Pastored and helped plant churches in Alabama, Illinois, and Wisconsin

### **Publications:**

- Several articles and training guides for future pastors
- Several books, including *Village Church: It's Pastor and Program*, *Building Town and Country Churches*, and *Growing Leaders by Design*

## Recommended Reading

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It is recommended that you read the Prophecy of Habakkuk three times—once in the King James Version, and twice in either the Berkeley Bible or Living Prophecies.

## Course Methods

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The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

## Course Assessment and Requirements

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To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 12 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.