

SERMON NOTES

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THE ECONOMIC BLUES

Habakkuk 3:17-19

I. THE ECONOMIC BLUES—REMEMBER WHO IS IN CHARGE.

(Job 1:20-22) Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there the LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

II. THE ECONOMIC BLUES—RETURN TO YOUR FIRST LOVE.

*(Revelation 2:4) But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.
(1 Timothy 6:10) For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith. (Philippians 3:8) I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.*

III. THE ECONOMIC BLUES—RE-FOCUS ON THE FUNDAMENTALS.

(Psalm 119:71-72) It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

IV. THE ECONOMIC BLUES—RELY ON YOUR FATHER'S CHARACTER.

*(Isaiah 43:1-3) But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you when you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."
(Romans 8:28,32) We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose....He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*