

God Delegates Responsibility – John Pearson 10/13/19 Outline

- Responsibility is shared to many on his behalf
- Even now what we have in our current ministry at St Matthew are benefits of those shared responsibilities.
 - Blood pressure story Quite time Christ in our Homes Narthex

1 Habakkuk 3:4

[habəkōōk] was a prophet in the Old Testament

3 Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

- As an alternate paraphrase **{this is the version given in church}**
 - He is complaining to the God of the iniquity and wrongs of the world that justice never goes Forth
 - But God answers him that justice is coming and people need to be faithful
- In our current time we can see many things that seem in parallel to [habəkōōk]'s time and we too need Faith
- In the time of uncertainty part of our life is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ using our Faith, our Good Works, our Acts of Kindness, and through our participation in his work by the preaching of the gospel
 - Within ourselves
 - Within our Family
 - Within our congregation at St Matthew
 - Within our Community
- To do that we are using the Responsibility that God has given to us and to others
 - From bagel you had for breakfast that was from the Responsibilities that were given to the Farmers, Bakers, Truck Drivers and Grocers
 - For the gathering of our Congregation at St Matthew
 - For the acts of faith that you do in your daily life
- As it is said in 1 Cor 3:9

For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

- I reflected upon this many times in a particular passage in the liturgy of our service. If you take the Red ELW and open it to Page 107, setting one, and focus on one of the prayers that we have said upon receiving the offering As I read the beginning aloud I will pause a points and I would like you also to reflect on the Responsibilities that God has Delegated to You

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Though your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; Our Selves {pause}, Our Time {pause}, and Our Possessions {pause}....

Thank You