Major Profit from Minor Prophets
(Nahum & Habakkuk)

Introduction: 1.   Nahum and Habakkuk will be studied together and the events written about in Nahum actually serve to answer the questions raised by the prophet Habakkuk.
               2.   (Nahum 1:3).

I.   Brief Background to the books of Nahum & Habakkuk
   A.   Nahum and Habakkuk were both pre-exilic prophets.
   B.   When Nahum wrote, Israel had already fallen to Assyria, and Nahum was writing to foretell the coming destruction of Niniveh.
   C.   The book of Nahum is a sequel to the book of Jonah.
       1.   Approximately 135 years after Jonah preached repentance and salvation to Nineveh, Nahum announced the destruction of Nineveh.
       2.   What Jonah wanted, eventually happened.
   D.   Furthermore, some of the questions Habakkuk raises with regard to the Babylonians are answered by the prophecy of Nahum.

II.   Practical Lessons to Learn from Nahum & Habakkuk
   A.   God will not clear the guilty.
       1.   (Nahum 1:2-3).
       2.   (Numbers 14:18).
       3.   We have to teach each succeeding generation, or we will be overtaken by apostacy.
   B.   Our loyalty to God should be greater than our loyalty to our brethren.
       1.   (Habakkuk 1:1) It was a burden to him.
       2.   (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
   C.   God does not always work within our time frame.
       1.   Be assured that God is a God of justice and will recompense accordingly.
       2.   (Galatians 6:8-9).
   D.   God wants his message spoken plainly.
       1.   (Habakkuk 2:2).
       2.   (1 Corinthians 14:19).
   E.   The just shall live by his faith.
       1.   (Habakkuk 2:4).
       2.   (2 Corinthians 4:16-17; Revelation 2:10).
   F.   One can move from honest doubt to great faith.
       1.   (Gideon, Job, Habakkuk).
       2.   The key is to turn to God, not away from him.
       3.   (Romans 8:28).

Conclusion: 1.   There's so much to learn from the books of Nahum and Habakkuk.
             2.   The over-arching lessons we learn from these two books is that God is sovereign and he is just.
             3.   No one "gets away" with sin.
             4.   Sooner or later; in God's good time, wickedness will be punished, and that is still true today.