

Habakkuk- A Faith that Shines in the Darkness

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Habakkuk deals with a perplexing problem. How can a holy God allow unrighteousness to flourish? In Chapter 1, Habakkuk complains that God is ignoring what is occurring in the world, specifically in Judah. God responds to Habakkuk's complaint in a kind and compassionate manner.

1. Habakkuk's complaint against God. (Verses 1-4)
 - Habakkuk complains that God ignores His people. (Verse 2)
 - Habakkuk complains that God allows lawlessness. (Verse 3)
 - Habakkuk complains that God tolerates injustice. (Verse 4)
2. God replies to Habakkuk's complaint. (Verses 5-11)
 - God is patient with Habakkuk. (Verse 5)
 - God is sympathetic to Habakkuk. (Verse 5)
 - God is going to act. (Verse 6-11)
 - God is stronger than the strongest.

Additional verses to consider:

- 1 Samuel 8:4-18, especially verse 18
- 2 Samuel 7:4-17, especially verse 14
- 2 Kings 23:34-24:7
- Job 1:8; 40:1-24

Study Questions

1. What is occurring in the world today that causes you to cry out, "How Long?" Why is that one so hard for you to understand?
2. Why is God so patient with the world? See 2 Peter 3:9
3. How are God's timing and patience related?
4. Describe a time when God's timing frustrated you?
5. How did God demonstrate His patience with you during that time?
6. How did God display His sympathy toward you during that time?
7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?