

Sermon Notes 9 28 25

#4 Habakkuk's Second Complaint

Habakkuk 1:12–2:1

1) Why Don't You _____ Evil? 13a

2) Why Don't You _____ Good? 13b

3) Why Don't You _____ More? 14-16

4) Why Don't You _____ Enemies? 17

Compare

Sinful Complaining	Complaint of Lament
Leads away from God	Draws toward God
Frustration without faith	Pain voiced with faith
Judges circumstances	Seeks God's purposes
Self-centered, prideful	God-centered, humble
Accuses God's character	Affirms God's character
Seeks escape	Seeks hope
Reacts emotionally	Names emotions honestly
Hides pain	Brings pain to light for healing
Hopeless grumbling	Hopeful groaning for God's help

Produces: despair, bitterness,
isolation, depression, anxiety
resentment, distorted view of God

Produces: hope, peace,
healing, empathy, joy,
closeness and renewed trust
in God

Application Questions

- 1) Why is complaint a central element of lament?
- 2) What are some reasons Christians are reluctant to voice their complaints to God in prayer?
How is complaining the right way spiritually helpful?
- 3) When is complaint sinful and wrong?
- 4) When circumstances feel overwhelming, do I rehearse God's attributes or my fears?
- 5) Where do I need to admit that the problem may not be God's character, but my perspective?

*“To cry is human,
to lament is Christian.”*