

How long, Oh Lord?

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THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

Question:

What do we do when God's actions don't seem to align with his attributes?

Key Ideas:

1. **WRESTLE:** We wrestle with God by honestly expressing our heart in prayer—our lament, confusion, frustration, disappointment, etc.
2. **CLING:** Cling to what you know to be true about God when you wrestle with uncertainty. Remember His past faithfulness as you face present confusion.
3. **REMEMBER:** Sometimes God's actions will look bizarre—and even wrong—to our mind. We must learn to trust a God we cannot fully comprehend.

Application: Crack open your heart and pour out before God.

1. What confusion, frustration, heartache, etc is in your heart?
2. If you cracked open your heart and poured it out before God, what would come out?

Habakkuk 1:1-11

- 1 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.
- 2 How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?
- 3 Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.
- 4 Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.
- 5 "Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.
For I am going to do something in your days
that you would not believe,
even if you were told.
- 6 I am raising up the Babylonians,
that ruthless and impetuous people,
who sweep across the whole earth
to seize dwellings not their own.
- 7 They are a feared and dreaded people;
they are a law to themselves
and promote their own honor.
- 8 Their horses are swifter than leopards,
fiercer than wolves at dusk.
Their cavalry gallops headlong;
their horsemen come from afar.
They fly like an eagle swooping to devour;
- 9 they all come intent on violence.
Their hordes advance like a desert wind
and gather prisoners like sand.
- 10 They mock kings
and scoff at rulers.
They laugh at all fortified cities;
by building earthen ramps they capture them.
- 11 Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—
guilty people, whose own strength is their god."