

Habakkuk: From Fear to Faith / Habakkuk 1:12–2:1

When perplexed by circumstances beyond our understanding, having an eternal perspective helps us to accept uncertainty.

Perplexed Prophet

The astounding revelation of God's means of rebuke prompts the second round of lament wherein the prophet probes God's nature and character. How could a righteous and holy God use an unholy and ruthless nation to bring devastation to his covenant people ?

[Job 38:4](#); [40:2](#);

Proper Approach

Most of the problems associated with the Christian life arise from a lack of the right method to approach daunting theological challenges. The Bible does not always give us the clear answer, but it does teach us a proper method of approach.

1. Stop to think.
2. Re-state basic principles.
3. Apply those principles to your context.
4. Commit it to God in faith through prayer.

Prophet's Application

In seeking to stop the slide toward doubt and frustration, the prophet retreats to the sure footing of truth about God as revealed in his word.

[Psalm 90:2](#); [Exodus 3:13-15](#); [Isaiah 57:15-16](#); [Genesis 50:20](#); [Deuteronomy 32:4, 30-31](#);
[Jeremiah 32:27](#); [Matthew 19:26](#); [Job 42:2](#); [Numbers 23:19](#);

Promising Conclusion

Having sought God earnestly for clarity amid confusion, the prophet assumes the watchman's role and ascends the watchtower to await God's response (2:1).

[Psalm 85:8](#); [Matthew 26:38-39, 42, 46](#);