

...When We Ask Why

Where Is God? | Part 3 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

“How long, O Lord, must I call for help? But you do not listen! ‘Violence!’ I cry, but you do not come to save.”
Habakkuk 1:2-3, NLT

God At Work When We Wrestle With “Why?” (The Book Of Habakkuk)

I. THE BIG “WHY” QUESTIONS WE ASK GOD

1. “Why do You allow INJUSTICE to exist?”

“Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.”

Habakkuk 1:3, NIV

2. “Why do You allow THE WICKED to thrive?”

“The law has become paralyzed and useless, and there is no justice given in courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, and justice is perverted...”

Habakkuk 1:4, NLT

3. “Why do You seem DISTANT in difficulty?”

“Will you... stand idly by while they swallow us up? Should you be silent while the wicked destroy people who are more righteous than they are?”

Habakkuk 1:13, NLT

“Will you let them get away with this forever? Will they succeed forever in their heartless conquests?”

Habakkuk 1:17, NLT

II. GOD ANSWERS TO OUR “WHY” QUESTIONS

1. “I will always correct injustice at THE RIGHT TIME.”

“But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches... if it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.”

Habakkuk 2:3, NLT

2. “I use the wicked to CULTIVATE YOUR CHARACTER.”

“O Lord our Rock, you have decreed the rise of these Babylonians to... correct us for our terrible sins. You are perfectly just in this.”

Habakkuk 1:12b, NLT

The Lord works out everything to its proper end— even the wicked for a day of disaster.

Proverbs 16:4, NIV

“Was it in anger, Lord, that you struck the rivers and parted the sea? Were you displeased with them? No, you were sending your chariots of salvation!”

Habakkuk 3:8, NLT

3. “I never really leave those who have TRUE FAITH.”

“I will wait quietly for the coming day when disaster will strike the people who invade us. Even though the fig tree has no blossoms... I will be joyful in God... my strength! He will make me as surefooted as a deer and bring me safely over the mountains.”

Habakkuk 3:16b-19, NLT

“Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked; but the righteous will live by their faith.”

Habakkuk 2:4, NLT

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