

Is God Even Listening?

Where Are You, God? Message Series Week 1

Habakkuk 1:1-11

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Background on Habakkuk:

Author: Habakkuk- name means “to embrace”
We know nothing about his personal life.

Date: Sixth century BC; more precise date is hard to determine, but it is estimated to be between 604 and 606 BC. This would have been between Kings Josiah and Jehoikim of the southern kingdom of Israel.
(2 Kings 22-23)

Contemporaries: Possibly Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah

Overview: The book of Habakkuk is not a prophecy in the strict sense of the term. Rather, it tells of Habakkuk’s own experience with God, his questions, and God’s answers told in poetry.

The closing statement, “for the choir director: on stringed instruments,” indicates that the book was a song.

The nature of God revealed in his conversation with Habakkuk:

1. Habakkuk's questions:

- A. Why doesn't God hear? (Habakkuk 1:2)
- B. Why doesn't God help? (Habakkuk 1:3)

2. God's answer :

- A. I've got this! (Habakkuk 1:5-11)

3. God's nature revealed:

- A. He hears our requests. (Habakkuk 1:5)
- B. He sees and knows our suffering. (Habakkuk 1:5)
- C. He is at work and has a plan. (Habakkuk 1:5)
- D. He will judge injustice. (Habakkuk 1:6)
- E. His ways are higher than our ways. (Habakkuk 1:6-11; Isaiah 55:9)