

Home Group Helps

Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

Trusting that God Is at Work

I. Determined Faith (v.12-13a)

- ¹² Are you not from everlasting,
O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.
- ¹³ You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,

II. Difficult Questions (v.13b-17)

- why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent
when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?
- ¹⁴ You make mankind like the fish of the sea,
like crawling things that have no ruler.
- ¹⁵ He brings all of them up with a hook;
he drags them out with his net;
he gathers them in his dragnet;
so he rejoices and is glad.
- ¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and makes offerings to his dragnet;
for by them he lives in luxury,
and his food is rich.
- ¹⁷ Is he then to keep on emptying his net
and mercilessly killing nations forever?

III. Diligent Patience (2:1)

- ¹ I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

1. Launching Question(s):

- What are some typical ways that this world responds to terrible events and tragedies? How is the church of God meant to look different than this?

2. Observation Question(s):

- Read Habakkuk 1:1-11. What has happened so far? How did the Lord respond to Habakkuk's first questions?
- Habakkuk begins this second dialogue with several statements recounting God's character. Why does he begin with these statements instead of launching right into his questions?

- What are the questions that Habakkuk brings before the Lord about Israel's situation? What might these questions look like when applied to Christians today?
- What should we learn from the end of Habakkuk's questions in 2:1? How is his patience described?
- Given Habakkuk's questions, what does it mean for the "righteous to live by faith" in Habakkuk's day (2:4)? How does this apply to being a Christian nowadays?

3. Interpretation Question(s):

- What does it mean that God is "of purer eyes than to see evil" and he "cannot look at wrong" (vs. 13)?
- What is the "Problem of Evil"? Have you ever struggled with this? What have been some doctrinal truths that have helped you deal with this issue?
- God has always worked in magnificent ways. How does the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ provide answers to the hardships in this world?

4. Reflection Question(s):

- Which one of these three aspects of trusting the Lord's work (faith, questions, and patience) do you need to grow in and why?

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