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Habakkuk's Main Theme

“See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.”

Habakkuk 2:4

What is Faith?

“Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

Hebrews 11:1

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

It's confident trust in God's character and His promises—especially when we don't understand what He's doing.

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About Habakkuk

Habakkuk's name means "to embrace" or "to wrestle."

He lived in Judah, probably Jerusalem, after the fall of Israel, the northern kingdom.

That puts him around the same time as Jeremiah

Judah was now in spiritual decline, morally corrupt, and politically unstable

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About the book of Habakkuk

He doesn't preach to the people

He doesn't point fingers at sinners

**Instead, he turns toward heaven and says:
"God, what are You doing?"**

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“God, Why Don’t You Act?”

How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? 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. Therefore, the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Habakkuk 1:2-4

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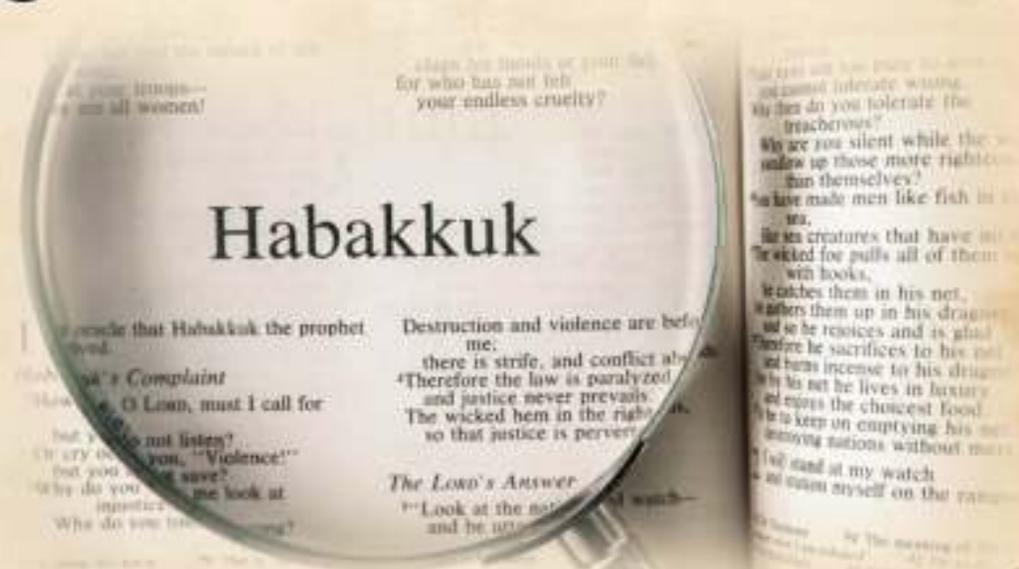
“God, Why Don’t You Act?”

Why aren't You listening?

Why don't You do something?

Can't You see what's happening?

How can You possibly think this is, okay?



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NATION IN CRISIS

**Violence increasing. Law ignored. Justice
perverted. Wicked people thriving
while the righteous suffer**

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God's First Answer

“I Am Acting—Just Not How You Expect”

***Look at the nations and watch—be utterly amazed.
For I am going to do something in your days that
you would not believe, even if you were told.***

“Finally! God's going to fix everything.”

Habakkuk 1:5

God says: “I am raising up the Babylonians...”

**They were known for being ruthless,
violent, arrogant, and completely godless.**

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God's First Answer

God says, "I'm going to use them to judge you."

It's unsettling

Sometimes God uses people we don't expect—methods we wouldn't choose to accomplish His will



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“God That’s Not Fair!”

Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

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“How can You use a nation that’s even more wicked than we are?”

He even uses a metaphor—Babylon is like a fisherman with a net, just dragging nations in, praising the net instead of God.

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The Deeper Issue

Habakkuk doesn't just want God to act. He wants God to act the way he thinks is right.

We want God to bring justice but only to them, not us

We want God to make people behave but on our terms.

We want mercy for ourselves. Judgment for others

**Habakkuk is wrestling again
and now it's personal**

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Live by Faith

Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness

Habakkuk 2:2 - 4

TRUST ME!

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From Wrestling to Worship

“The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He enables me to tread on the heights.”

Habakkuk 3:19

From despair to worship

From complaints to confidence

He may not know what the future holds but he knows who holds the future

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From Wrestling to Worship

When You Can't See God's Hand, Trust His Heart

Faith isn't the absence of questions

It's trusting God despite them

**God is sovereign even when His
methods surprise or confuse us**

**His timeline is perfect, even when
it feels delayed**

**Faith is active; it
means trusting,
obeying, and
worshiping even
when we don't
understand**

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Faith When Life Falls Apart

You are called to live by faith even when answers don't come, not just in good times, but in confusing and chaotic ones too.



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