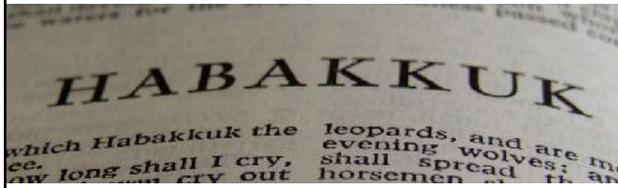


Habakkuk : From Wrestling to Resting



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What issues/ complaints does Habakkuk bring to God?

To what degree can you personally identify with them?



“God doesn’t care”

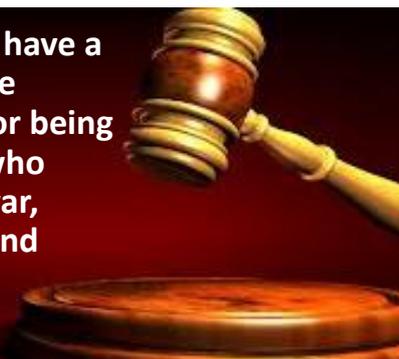


“God is powerless”



God in the Dock

Does God have a reasonable defence for being the God who permits war, poverty, and disease”?



God begins to speak

“Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told”

Hab 1:5

- Your vision’s too small
- I’m already doing something
- It will happen your lifetime
- You will be amazed

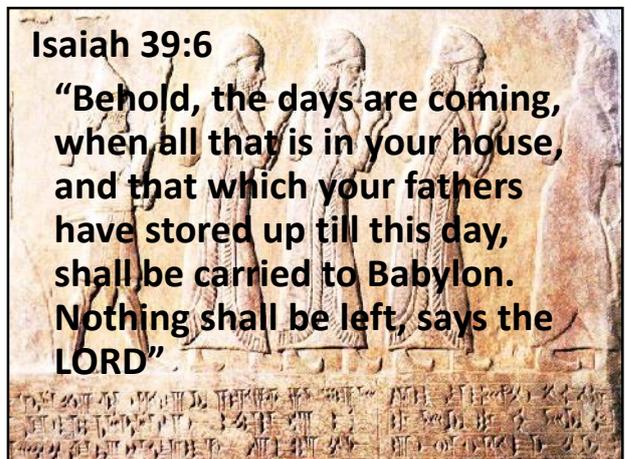
“Look among the nations”

We sometimes think God has missed the mark, because we are too short sighted to see what he is aiming at



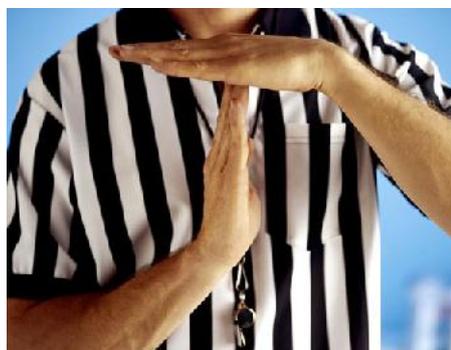
Isaiah 39:6

“Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD”





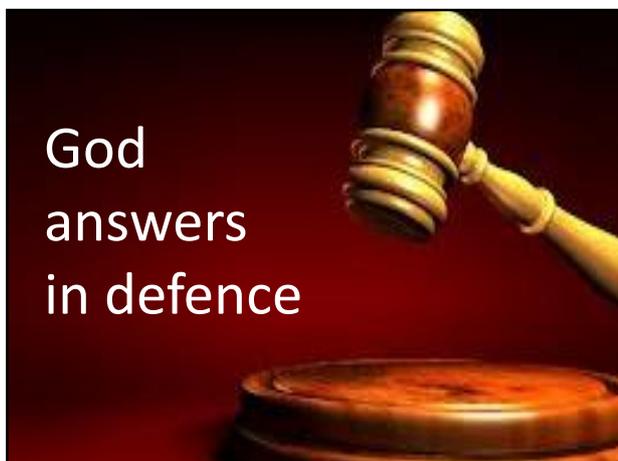
2) Habakkuk reflects



Read through chapter 2 – what things does he remember about God’s character and how God works?



God answers in defence



a) His timing is perfect

*Hab 2:3 For still the vision awaits its **appointed time**; it hastens to the end--it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.*

God's Perfect Timing



b) His Salvation is Sure

Hab 2:4

"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."



c) His Judgement is fair

- **Injustice** (2:6-7) – wrongs will be put right
- **Imperialism** (2:8-14) – kingdoms will fall - "The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea"
- **Inhumanity** (2:15-17) – those who shame others will be shamed.
- **Idolatry** (2:18-19) – Those who trust Idols will be silenced

SILENCE

"But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

Hab 2:20

3) Habakkuk remembers

REMEMBER
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What acts of God in history does Habakkuk remember?

What impact would this have on his attitude?

Habakkuk 3: 1-16

- God's power over **captivity** – The exodus
- God's power over **creation** – sun, moon, rivers, seas, mountains
- God's power over **kings** - Pharaoh

4) Habakkuk rests



Habakkuk 3:17-19

*¹⁷ Though the fig-tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the sheepfold
and no cattle in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.*

Habakkuk 3:17-19

*¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.*

From Wrestling to Resting

- Wrestle
- Reflect
- Remember
- Rest
- Rejoice



"I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Saviour, the Sovereign LORD is my strength"