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Habakkuk- A Faith that Shines in the Darkness

Habakkuk Argues with God

Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

Habakkuk continues to lodge complaints against God. His first complaint contained three accusations: God is ignoring His people, God is allowing lawlessness, and God is tolerating injustice. God's responds to Habakkuk, however, His response brings Habakkuk further bewilderment. God's plan to right the wrongs, is to use the evil and wicked Babylonians. This plan takes Habakkuk completely by surprise.

Habakkuk decides to argue with God against His plan. Habakkuk argues this plan violates God's character. Therefore, it is a fundamentally flawed plan. After his argument, Habakkuk expects God to answer him, to which Habakkuk is ready to respond with another complaint.

1. Habakkuk argues against God's plan. (Hab. 1:12-17)
  - A. God's plan violates God's purity. (Hab. 1:12-13)
  - B. God's plan violates God's righteousness. (Hab. 1:14)
  - C. God's plan violates God's essence. (Hab. 1:15-17)
    - The Babylonians are brutal. (Hab. 1:15)
    - The Babylonians are immoral. (Hab. 1:16)
    - The Babylonians are unrelentingly evil. (Hab. 1:17)
2. Habakkuk waits for God's answer. (Hab. 2:1)
3. Habakkuk submits to God's answer. (Hab. 2:1)

Additional verses to consider:

Genesis 4:1-17

Leviticus 5:1

I John 3:12

Proverbs 3:5-6

Study Questions:

1. What emotions did you feel with the opening illustration? If God used that illustration, what complaints would you have?
2. What events do you see occurring in the world violating God's purity and righteousness? How are they violating those perfections of God?
3. What posture do you take when waiting for God to speak?
4. Why is it difficult to submit to God's answers?
5. Read Proverbs 1:1-7. How is wisdom needed in our understanding of Habakkuk 1?
6. Read James 1:5. Describe a time when you asked for wisdom and God's response.
7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?