

## Habakkuk - Why God?

Habakkuk's Struggle	God's Answers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- why don't you hear me when I cry for help? (1:2)</li><li>- Why don't you save us?</li><li>- Why are the wicked allowed to keep going and overcome the righteous? (1:3)</li><li>- How can God use the wicked to bring punishment on His people (1:13)</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. God is in control. He rules over all. He is in charge of His story (history)</li><li>2. Who Am I and What are My attributes - He is their Rock (Ps 62:6-7)</li><li>3. All history pivots on 2 groups of people - Israel &amp; Church</li><li>4. Whether you understand or not, there is always a purpose in what God is doing!</li><li>5. Get alone with God and LISTEN to Him (2:1) (cf Lk 10:38-42)</li><li>6. Live in, by, and through His Word</li><li>7. Our times are in His hands</li><li>8. Fear and Doubt are conquered by a faith that rejoices</li></ol> <p>GOD IS IN CONTROL</p>

## Habakkuk 2:2-20

Living in Pride	Living in Faith
<p>Downward spiral of evil</p> <p>Pride (2:4)</p> <p>Greed (2:6) - Col 3:5-7 - greed = idolatry</p> <p>Self-exaltation (2:9-11) - put ourselves above gain</p> <p>Violence &amp; bloodshed - when you self-exalt - abuse others to get what you want (2:12-14)</p> <p>Drunk on self &amp; power - seduce others for our own pleasure (2:15-17)</p> <p>Trust self - worship of that which was made by our hands - indulge the flesh (2:18-19)</p> <p>The Lord is in His holy temple (2:20)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Righteous live by faith (2:4)</li> <li>- Key to understanding is the Word of God</li> <li>- Faith is taking God at His Word</li> <li>- God's Word becomes our plumb-line</li> </ul> <p>True faith or belief involves</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) firm conviction that fully acknowledges God as revealed in His Word</li> <li>2) Surrender to what God reveals</li> <li>3) Conduct that is produced as a result of personal surrender to what God has revealed</li> </ol> <p>If you are going to live by faith, you must be fed on the Word of God</p> <p>Judges 17:6; 21:25 - people did what was right in their own eyes (they thought it was good) (Is 5:20)</p> <p>People die from a lack of knowledge - Hosea 4:6; Is 5:13</p>