



HABAKKUK: HOW LONG?

“The Difficulty of Evil”

Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

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His confidence in God’s character 1:12

- 1) You are eternal [Exodus 3:14](#); [Psalm 40:5](#); [Lamentations 5:19](#)
- 2) You are my Holy One [Isaiah 6:1-5](#)
- 3) You are my rock [Deuteronomy 32:4](#); [Psalm 18:2,31](#); [28:1](#); [95:1](#)

The concern & complaint that confused him 1:13

[Isaiah 10:5-6](#)

The description that disturbed him 1:6-11, 14-17

His determination to not depart – to wait 2:1

[Isaiah 22:11-12](#); [Ezekiel 3:17](#); [Hosea 9:8](#)

When we struggle and we will, we need to...

- 1) Struggle with the questions of evil theologically
[Romans 11:33-36](#)
- 2) Struggle with the problems of evil honestly
- 3) Struggle with the problems of evil securely
[Psalm 73](#); [Matthew 7:7-8 \(CSB\)](#)

We must trust the Lord with all that we are! [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

Response Questions:

1. How can you reconcile the fact that God is God of love and justice and yet evil exists in our world?
2. How does the reminder here and in Psalm 73 help us to see the fate of those who choose evil or what is right?
3. Have you ever received an answer from the Lord you didn't like? Have you read clear teachings in the Bible you struggled with? How do you or did you resolve them?
4. What is the difference between doubting God and waiting to understand God's purposes? Can you give an example of each from the Bible? From yourself or people you know?
5. Why is it hard for us to wait for God's answers? What area of your life are you waiting to hear from the Lord today? How will you wait?
6. How does this message help you trust the Lord even more? Name some specific ways.