

## What are Your Questions?

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**Habakkuk 1:2** NKJV *O Lord, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save.*

Here is Habakkuk, a prophet chosen of God to speak for the oracles of the Most High to His people. Yet, he struggles with the age old condition of the human heart and soul. Why God? Where are You in this mess? Where are You when I need You the most? I know I have experienced in my life times when I have done everything in my power to be there for someone, to encourage them and help them through. I have said to them time and time again, "I am here for you if you need me. Just call on me, let me know. Do not stay to yourself or withdraw or try to solve it on your own. But to no avail in the end I hear them say, "no one was there when I needed someone the most." How many times do we question where God is in our time of need yet we refuse to run to Him, seek Him, and surrender to Him?

Habakkuk goes on with his series of questioning of God. **v. 3** *Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.* **v. 12-14** *Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction. 13Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he? 14And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? v.17 17Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?*

In essence Habakkuk questions call God's goodness and faithful into question. He questions, "If You were a good and faithful God, things would not be this way? They instead would be the way I expect them to be." He had fallen into the historic trap of measuring God's character and nature based on his present situation and circumstance of which he found himself in. Habakkuk was not looking at his problems the way God looked at them. Instead, he was looking at God through his problems. He was looking from the temporal to the eternal instead of the eternal through the temporal. People, the only constant is change. The only change that is constant is Christ in you. Your situations and everything around will change if you allow God to be constant. And when it seems nothing is changing God is trying to change something in you. And if you will let Him you will see beyond your immediate problem and know that His faithfulness never changes. Habakkuk finally comes to this resolve. **Habakkuk 2:20** *20But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.*

The Hebrew word Habakkuk means "to embrace". Let us learn the lesson Habakkuk learned. That regardless of the temporal trials of life, we serve an eternally faithful, unchanging, unshakable God who has your best interest in His Kingdom in mind and at heart. Just as Habakkuk resolved, let us be found not questioning God's nature and character but instead embracing it even as our own. **Habakkuk 3:19** *19The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.*