

FINDING GOD'S COMFORT

KNOW GOD

HABAKKUK

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1. BE _____ IN PRAYER

The pronouncement that the prophet Habakkuk saw. How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen or cry out to you about violence and you do not save? Why do you force me to look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Oppression and violence are right in front of me. Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates. This is why the law is ineffective and justice never emerges. For the wicked restrict the righteous; therefore, justice comes out perverted. Habakkuk 1:1-4

2. BE READY FOR GOD'S _____ NOT YOUR _____

Look at the nations and observe — be utterly astounded! For I am doing something in your days that you will not believe when you hear about it. Habakkuk 1:5

Look! I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter, impetuous nation that marches across the earth's open spaces to seize territories not its own. They are fierce and terrifying; their views of justice and sovereignty stem from themselves. Their horses are swifter than leopards and more fierce than wolves of the night. Their horsemen charge ahead; their horsemen come from distant lands. They fly like eagles, swooping to devour. All of them come to do violence; their faces are set in determination. They gather prisoners like sand. They mock kings, and rulers are a joke to them. They laugh at every fortress and build siege ramps to capture it. Then they sweep by like the wind and pass through. They are guilty; their strength is their god. Habakkuk 1:6-11

3. LET _____ DEFINE THE MOMENT

1. STOP & THINK

2. REMEMBER WHAT YOU KNOW

3. REMEMBER GOD'S CHARACTER

4. SURRENDER TO GOD AND ASK HIM TO REVEAL

Are you not from eternity, Lord my God? My Holy One, you will not die. Lord, you appointed them to execute judgment; my Rock, you destined them to punish us. Habakkuk 1:12

And: In the beginning, Lord, you established the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands; they will perish, but you remain. They will all wear out like clothing; you will roll them up like a cloak, and they will be changed like clothing. But you are the same, and your years will never end. Hebrews 1:10-12

Your eyes are too pure to look on evil, and you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. So why do you tolerate those who are treacherous? Why are you silent while one who is wicked swallows up one who is more righteous than himself? Habakkuk 1:13

4. _____ THE PROBLEM & WORRY

I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the lookout tower. I will watch to see what he will say to me and what I should reply about my complaint. The Lord answered me: Write down this vision; clearly inscribe it on tablets so one may easily read it. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it testifies about the end and will not lie. Though it delays, wait for it, since it will certainly come and not be late. Look, his ego is inflated; he is without integrity. But the righteous one will live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:1-4

Won't all of these take up a taunt against him, with mockery and riddles about him? They will say, "Woe to him who amasses what is not his — how much longer? — and loads himself with goods taken in pledge." Habakkuk 2:6

Woe to him who dishonestly makes wealth for his house to place his nest on high, to escape the grasp of disaster! Habakkuk 2:9

Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and founds a town with injustice! Habakkuk 2:12

Woe to him who gives his neighbors drink, pouring out your wrath and even making them drunk, in order to look at their nakedness! Habakkuk 2:15

Woe to him who says to wood: Wake up! or to mute stone: Come alive! Can it teach? Look! It may be plated with gold and silver, yet there is no breath in it at all. Habakkuk 2:19

5. PRAISE GOD FOR BEING _____

Lord, I have heard the report about you; Lord, I stand in awe of your deeds. Revive your work in these years; make it known in these years. In your wrath remember mercy! God comes from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His splendor covers the heavens, and the earth is full of his praise. His brilliance is like light; rays are flashing from his hand. This is where his power is hidden. Plague goes before him, and pestilence follows in his steps. He stands and shakes the earth; he looks and startles the nations. The age-old mountains break apart; the ancient hills sink down. His pathways are ancient. Habakkuk 3:2-6

The mountains see you and shudder; a downpour of water sweeps by. The deep roars with its voice and lifts its waves high. Habakkuk 3:10

I heard, and I trembled within; my lips quivered at the sound. Rottenness entered my bones; I trembled where I stood. Now I must quietly wait for the day of distress to come against the people invading us. Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though the flocks disappear from the pen and there are no herds in the stalls, yet I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The Lord my Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights! For the choir director: on stringed instruments. Habakkuk 3:16-19

I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world." John 16:33
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