

## Habakkuk 1:2-11

### Why Does the LORD Not Save?

#### 1. Habakkuk's First Complaint: (2-4)

##### a. 'How Long?'

- i. His repeated and \_\_\_\_\_ cries for help. –Ex 16:28; Num 14:11
- ii. His desire: that the LORD would \_\_\_\_\_. –Ps 12:1-8; Job 19:7

##### b. 'Why?'

- i. His \_\_\_\_\_: 'do you make me see iniquity?' –Jer 12:1-4
- ii. His \_\_\_\_\_: 'do you idly look at wrong?' –Hab 1:13; Ps 5:4-6
- iii. His \_\_\_\_\_: destruction, violence, strife, and contention.

##### c. 'Therefore':

- i. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is rendered \_\_\_\_\_. –Ps 38:9; 77:2; Eccl 8:11
- ii. The wicked \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous. –Job 21:7
- iii. Justice is consistently perverted. –Ex 23:1-8; Deut 16:19; Jer 22:13-19

#### 2. The LORD's First Response: (5-11)

##### a. The LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ of Judgment:

- i. He \_\_\_\_\_ the complaint: You all 'look' and 'see.' –Hab 1:2-4
- ii. He is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_: 'I am doing a work.' –Isa 28:21
- iii. His work is \_\_\_\_\_: 'you would not believe if told.' –Acts 13:41

##### b. The LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ of Judgment: the Chaldeans:

- i. He is raising them to power \_\_\_\_\_. –2 Kgs 20:12-19; Jer 46:1-2
- ii. They are bitter and \_\_\_\_\_. –Deut 6:10-11
- iii. They will \_\_\_\_\_ all surrounding lands. –Rev 20:7-10; Ezek 29:17
- iv. They are brutal and \_\_\_\_\_. –Zeph 2:11
- v. They are \_\_\_\_\_ and powerful. –Deut 28:47-51
- vi. They will dispossess and take \_\_\_\_\_. –Deut 28:36-37
- vii. They are worshipers of \_\_\_\_\_. –Dan 4:28-30

The LORD \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ deeply about societal injustice.  
He and will \_\_\_\_\_; but not always as we might \_\_\_\_\_.

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O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>5</sup> "Look among the nations, and see;  
wonder and be astounded.

For I am doing a work in your days  
that you would not believe if told.

<sup>6</sup> For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,  
that bitter and hasty nation,  
who march through the breadth of the earth,  
to seize dwellings not their own.

<sup>7</sup> They are dreaded and fearsome;  
their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Their horses are swifter than leopards,  
more fierce than the evening wolves;  
their horsemen press proudly on.

Their horsemen come from afar;  
they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

<sup>9</sup> They all come for violence,  
all their faces forward.  
They gather captives like sand.

<sup>10</sup> At kings they scoff,  
and at rulers they laugh.

They laugh at every fortress,  
for they pile up earth and take it.

<sup>11</sup> Then they sweep by like the wind and go on,  
guilty men, whose own might is their god!"