

Habakkuk's Complaints and Prayer - Habakkuk 1:1-3:19

Topics: Answers, Awe, Complaining, Faith, Faithfulness, Glory, God, Holiness, Idolatry, Judgment, Messiah, Patience, People, Praise, Prayer, Questions, Righteousness, Words, Worship

Open It

1. If you could talk with one prominent person, whom would you choose and what would you discuss?
2. What about life has sometimes perplexed or frustrated you?
- * 3. When someone says nice things about you, how do you tend to respond?

Explore It

4. What did Habakkuk receive? (1:1)
5. About what was the prophet distressed? (1:2-4)
6. How did God answer Habakkuk's complaint? (1:5-11)
7. Why was the prophet perplexed and bewildered? (1:12-17)
8. What did the prophet do in anticipation of God's response? (2:1)
9. What did God tell Habakkuk to do? (2:2)
10. What was God's answer? (2:3-20)
11. To whom were the "woes" addressed? (2:6, 9, 12, 15, 19)
12. For what did Habakkuk ask God? (3:1-2)
- * 13. In his prayer, how did Habakkuk describe the person of God? (3:1-3)
- * 14. What did the prophet say about God's power? (3:4-7)
15. How did Habakkuk describe God's actions? (3:8-15)
16. How did Habakkuk react to his awesome encounter with God? (3:16)
- * 17. On what note of faith did the prophet conclude his song of praise? (3:17-19)

Get It

18. When people suffer because of violence and injustice, how do you feel?
19. God used the ungodly Babylonians to punish Israel. How does God speak to Christians through the actions of pagans nowadays?
20. When have you been perplexed about why God allowed something to happen?
21. When has God given you an answer to prayer that surprised you?
22. What sins of this nation are deplorable to you?
23. What "woes" might Habakkuk pronounce on our culture today?
- * 24. If your earthly sources of satisfaction and security were stripped away, how would you continue to hope in the Lord?
- * 25. What prayer of rejoicing and praise can you offer to God, your Savior?

Apply It

26. When can you take time this week to be open and honest with the Lord about some of your deepest concerns or frustrations?
- * 27. How can you start expressing your faith and hope in the Lord in refreshing, creative ways (such as in songs, poetry, or art)?