



April 28<sup>th</sup>

Passage: Habakkuk 1:5-11

Welcome back! That was quick right? Let's jump back into the story of Habakkuk. Something you're going to notice this morning and the next few days is that most of Habakkuk is actually a conversation between Habakkuk and God. Today, God answers back!

Before we read, let's pray. Intentionally pray these three things – *“Lord, help me to focus, understand and apply your Word”*

## **READ & DIG.** Read Habakkuk 1:5-11 & take note of anything that stands out!

“Well that didn't go like I thought it would...” Have you ever said that to yourself?

I bet this is exactly what Habakkuk was thinking when God answered him! Check out these two things Habakkuk 1:5-11 teaches us:

### **1. God answers our prayers**

The great news we find here in this passage is that God answers the prayers of the righteous. Yesterday we left off knowing that God was listening to Habakkuk, partially because the book of Habakkuk is in the Bible. But in v5-11 we actually find God's response to Habakkuk! This ought to give us comfort; knowing that even in our frustration God is listening and God answers us. God will not just ignore and forget about us... he cares and is listening!

### **2. God works in ways we don't understand**

Now, we know God answers our prayers... great right? Of course! But there is a catch to it, the way he answers us isn't always the way we want him to.

Habakkuk is a prime example that God works in ways we can't understand. Read again what God tells Habakkuk, *“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”* (5) This actually sounds great doesn't it? You can almost catch yourself saying... *“Oooo I wonder what great things the Lord could be up to!”*

Habakkuk never expected the answer he got though...

Remember what is going on with Habakkuk... His enemies, the Chaldeans, are overtaking his people, Israel, who are also God's people.

God says he is raising up the Chaldeans, the enemy of Habakkuk's people to judge them... Talk about an answered prayer. Here's the truth God works in ways we can't understand, and sometimes never will. But what we can be sure of is that his plan is the best way. Why? Because we know that he is in control and he is good. God does all he does for the good of those that love him (Rom. 8:28). We're going to ultimately see that this is the best thing for Habakkuk and his people... but what about you? *Are you okay with how God answers your prayers?*

## **Apply & GO**

God answers prayers according to his will.

God has a perfect plan and it will unfold. Whether we see or feel it in the moment, there is nothing greater for our lives than God's plan. Today,

- **Pray bold prayers!** If we know God is listening and will answer our prayers that should give us courage to pray and ask big things of him knowing that he cares for us!
- **Trust his plan over your own!** God has a beautiful plan for everything... including your situation. Believe today that he hears your prayers and he will answer them according to what he thinks is best for you and what will bring him most glory!