



April 29th

Passage: Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

Good morning... or evening or whatever... How about some humor to start the day? *What kind of Dr. was Dr. Pepper? A fizzcision.... Ha!*

Okay... enough of that. Habakkuk... Now we come to the point in the story where Habakkuk's take on everything is in question. You'll see in this next section that Habakkuk complains to the Lord a second time. The question we are asking today is this – *how can we make sense of things going on that do not seem to fit God's character in our minds?*

Before we spend time in God's Word this morning, take a minute to pray.

READ & DIG. Read Habakkuk 1:12-2:1 & take note of anything that stands out!

WHO GOD IS: The first thing we see in this paragraph is Habakkuk recounting to God who God is, did you catch that?

• *Are you not from everlasting [12]* • *O Lord my God, my Holy One?* • *O Rock* • *You who are of pure eyes*

You see, Habakkuk is pointing out the attributes that are wholly true about God! He is from everlasting meaning he is eternal, has always been and will always be. He is also the Holy One. He is our Rock, our immovable fortress. And he has pure eyes, eyes that will not look at evil. You see all of the aspects Habakkuk has brought out are completely true about the Lord. This is who our God is, the God we serve is all of these things! The fact that he is eternal, holy, our Rock, of purer eyes should give us great comfort!

The question though is how can we make sense of him being that in a passage like this?

WHAT IS HE DOING? Have you ever looked at the world or a situation in your own life and thought... *God what are you doing? I know who the Bible says you are but I'm just not seeing it...* This is where Habakkuk was; he knew who God was, remember he was a prophet, but he can't figure out why he is doing what he is doing.

Here is the truth – God is allowed to do whatever he wants... its his creation. Specifically, the problem Habakkuk has is God using an evil nation to judge his people [12]. Habakkuk thinks his people are *more righteous [13]* than the Chaldeans. The problem is they may not seem as bad, but as God's people they are sinful, and God is rightly judging them for their sin.

You see, we can actually remedy this situation with God's character because God is exercising his perfect judgement on sin. He is a *holy* God who will not let sin go. This is the great beauty Christ has brought us through his death and resurrection – forgiveness of sin and a holiness before God!

JUST WAIT AND WATCH: The passage ends with Habakkuk proclaiming that he is going to sit back and wait for God to remedy everything for him. Now whether Habakkuk is being ill-spirited or not is beside the point. He does offer us a good example for our response to God when we can't understand what's going on – just wait and watch.

Apply & GO

God is the creator of all things... he is allowed to do as he pleases even when we can't understand.

What does this mean for our lives?

- Trust God when life doesn't make sense!
- Cling to God's character... it is unchanging!

- Wait and watch... give God time to work!