

Habakkuk

Keep Silence Before Him

A long, hard cry ...

I. Utter Perplexity

- A. God Against Us!?
- B. For His Enemies?
- C. Our Holy God?

II. God's Response

- A. To the Righteous
- B. To the Wicked
- C. Be Silent

III. A Prayer

- A. In Your Wrath
- B. Remember Mercy
- C. An I Will Rejoice

... everlasting Joy

Children, Listen ...

1. Why do good parents discipline their children?
2. Does God discipline His children? Why?
3. Do we always understand why bad things happen in the world?
4. Do we always understand why bad things happen to God's people?
5. How does our knowledge of God and our faith in Him help us when bad things happen to us?

A Page of Complaint

Habakkuk reads like a page taken from the prophet's personal prayer journal. He is utterly dismayed at the state of his nation and the fact the God is using outright heathens to discipline His own people. Things don't jive in his mind and he is not shy in expressing his frustration. He speaks reverently, but directly from His heart to God. That is exactly what we need to do in our prayers as well – openly confessing to Him even our humble dismay about the way He works. God answers Habakkuk quite publicly with a message to all His people reminding them that His way is right, though sometimes rough, and that His means always has a righteous end. God's people in Christ, like the prophet, can take great comfort in that. We can silence ourselves in His presence, rest in His wisdom and power, and finally take joy in what He has, is doing, and will do for His glory and the good of those He loves.