

The Answer Nobody's Expecting
Habakkuk 1:5-11

Verses 1-4 ... Habakkuk's complaint: Why aren't you there? Why don't you care? Why do you seem so inactive and uninvolved? Don't you see all that's going on with your people? Their rampant idolatry and their heartless worship? Are you going to do anything about it?

God's answer: "Habakkuk, I'm going to give you the perspective you are asking for ... so respond in three ways":

- Look and _____—because I am answering in an unexpected way.
- Wonder and be _____—because I am doing a great work.
- Listen and _____—because I am the incomprehensible God. I don't fit into your neat and tidy theological box!

1) God's answer is an _____ answer (verse 5).

Two applications:

- 1) God has the _____ to answer our prayers as He pleases, in ways that make no _____ to us.
- 2) God is _____ at _____.

2) God's answer is a _____ answer (verses 6-11).

What kind of enemy is coming?

The point: God is able to do _____ He pleases with _____ he pleases, all for the _____ He pleases.

John 10:18, "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Action Steps: 1) Look and see. 2) Wonder and be astounded. 3) Listen and believe.

In other words, God is inviting us to _____ Him. Jeremiah 17:7, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD."