

Habakkuk 1:2-4

Praying in Faith during Trials

How Long Must I Pray? (v. 2)

Why Must I See This? (vv. 3-4)

Application of Habakkuk 1:2-4

1. How does a personal relationship with Yahweh (and our current relationship with Him) affect how we view a) our circumstances, b) His promises, and c) our prayers?
2. Is it appropriate for people to question God? Why/why not?
3. Are there questions you have asked or would like to ask God? List them and ask God to give you wisdom and understanding through His Word and to help you embrace Him whatever the outcome.
4. Habakkuk was persistent and passionate in prayer, could your prayers be described as persistently crying out?
 - a. Ask God (persistently and passionately) for growing love and understanding of Him, leading you to such prayer.
5. What are some “conditions” for and confidence we can have in answered prayer? See John 14:13-14; 15:7; 1 John 3:22; 5:14.
 - a. What are some biblical reasons for unanswered prayers? See Ps 66:18; James 1:5-7; 4:3; 1 Pet 3:7.
6. Ask God to expose any bitterness or lack of faith in Him because of circumstances in your life and commit yourself to Him, asking Him to teach you who He is, so you can glorify Him.
7. Reflect on the story of the Levite’s zeal for God and grief over sin in Ex 32:25-28. Are you grieved over your sin and the sin of others? Ask God to increase your zeal for holiness and grief over sin, as He grieves sin.
 - a. Ask God to lead you to pray as you grieve sin.
8. How does recognizing God has placed you in your specific context (personal, the church, national, and global) and ‘caused you to see wickedness’ give you a different perspective on the sin you witness?
9. How could you use this passage to explain why evil exists and why sin increases in society (and the church)?

Reading this week: Read Habakkuk 1 to become more familiar with the chapter we’ll be considering in the next few weeks.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

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| <u>Book</u> | <u>Sermon Main Points</u> | <u>Other Bible References:</u> |
| <u>Chapter</u> | <i>Praying in Faith during Trials</i> | _____ |
| <u>Verses</u> | H _____ L _____ must I P _____? (v. ____) | _____ |
| | W _____ must I S _____ t _____? (vv. ____ - ____) | _____ |
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Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

| God/Father/Yahweh | Habakkuk | How long/Why? | Pray(er/ing) | Us/People | Wicked(ness)/ Sin/Evil |
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What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: