

## Habakkuk 1:5-11

*Yahweh's Response: I am Working*

Yahweh Combats Evil (v. 5)

Yahweh Controls Evil (v. 6a)

Yahweh Employs Evil (vv. 6b-11)

## Application of Habakkuk 1:5-11

1. Habakkuk's complaint included 'seeing' and 'looking' at wickedness (v. 3), now in v. 5 God tells the prophet to 'see' and 'look' using the same root words.
  - a. How might you look at things from one angle, while God wants to correct and redirect your attention to see it from His perspective (e.g. trials, suffering, wickedness, and seemingly unanswered prayers)?
  - b. Ask God to help you trust Him and continue in prayer, even when you might not be aware of how or why He's working.
2. How does Yahweh's response highlight His sovereignty? How does this comfort and strengthen you as you consider your personal circumstances as well as that of the modern church, our nation, and the world?
3. Meditate on God's work to "raise up" the wicked Chaldeans to judge and save His people. See also other references to God ordaining (not simply allowing) evil (e.g. Gen 50:20; Deut 32:39; 2 Sam 12:11-12; Is 10:5-6; 45:7; Lam 3:37-38; Acts 2:22-23; 4:27-28)
4. How might recognizing God controls evil alter your view of how God works in history and prepare you to respond in faith during possible future trials you might face (including horrendous, painful, and devastating outcomes personally, as a nation, and in the church)?
5. Are there challenges in your life now or have been in the past in which you have grown bitter toward God, blamed God, or turned from God?
  - a. Ask Him for forgiveness and memorize verses which address the topic of God's goodness and sovereignty (e.g. Rom 8:28)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>Yahweh's R_____ : I am W_____</i>	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	Yahweh C_____ E_____ (v. __)	_____
	Y_____ C_____ E_____ (v. 6a)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	Yahweh E_____ E_____ (vv. 6b-____)	_____
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**Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)**

God/Father/Yahweh	Habakkuk	Evil	Sin/Wicked	Us/People	Work(ing)

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: