



## Wait A Minute!

Series: *Trusting God in Troubled Times* (Habakkuk, #3)

Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1

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### **God has answered, but Habakkuk doesn't understand the answer.**

1. Question: God, how can You use such a wicked nation to punish Judah, Your own people?  
(12, 13, 15-16; see also Deuteronomy 28:49-50; Psalm 5:4-5; Isaiah 45:7; 46:9-10; Romans 3:10, 8:28; James 1:13, 2:10)
2. Question: God, will you look on while these wicked people go on like this forever?  
(13, 17)

### **How to move forward to understanding your world.**

1. *Perspective*—maintain a clear perspective of God.  
(12-13; see also Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Psalm 18:2; Luke 15:1-7)
2. *Promises*—depend on God's promises.  
(12; see also Genesis 17:2-8; 2 Samuel 7:13, 16; 9:7)
3. *Patience*—expect and wait for God to answer in His time. (2:1; see also Galatians 5:22)

## In My Life This Week

*As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.*

**Monday.** God answered Habakkuk's questions about the ongoing, unrestrained sin in Judah. God told him judgment was coming through the Chaldeans. Habakkuk did not understand how or why God would do this. Review his two questions listed in the outline, thinking through them with respect to Habakkuk and his world as well as yourself and your world.

**Tuesday.** Habakkuk teaches us some valuable lessons on how to move forward to understand our world. The first is *perspective*. Read 1:12-13. Habakkuk affirms the character of God that was revealed in earlier Scriptures. List the qualities of God he mentions. How does keeping them in focus help understand an unfair world?

**Wednesday.** The second lesson that helps understanding our world comes from God's *promises*. God made many promises to Israel. He has made many to us. Use the references in the outline as a starting point for reviewing some of God's promises to you. Are you looking at your world today through the lense of God's promises? Are you really depending on them?

**Thursday.** The third lesson that helps understanding our world is *patience*. As with Habakkuk, God does answer us, in His time. Habakkuk closes this section in 2:1 with a statement of expectation as he says he will be alert and wait for God to speak to him. Do you expect God to answer the questions and problems you face? Ask God to continue to build patience as a vital part of your character.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at *How To Live Until Then* from 2:2-4. Read and think through these verse as you prepare for our time together on Sunday.