



Week 32 Habakkuk

Every Sunday evening at [Bible Explorer](#) we will explore the question
'What does this book from the Bible mean for us today?'

Introduction

For centuries people had believed in God's justice; however, this justice had not always been obvious. After many had kept silent about their doubts, Habakkuk was the first prophet who dared to call God into account. He was perplexed that God was letting evil increase, so he asked boldly why the Lord allowed injustice to triumph. Why, when he punished one oppressor, did He replace him with another? How could God see the injustices and the wickedness in the world and appear to do nothing about it? This is a question which has faced every generation, including ours.

Questions to ask yourself

- What issues of injustice are you aware of in our country or in our local community?
- How can you make a difference?

Habakkuk time-line

627 BC – Jeremiah becomes a prophet

612 BC – Habakkuk becomes a prophet

609 BC – King Josiah dies in battle

605 BC – Daniel taken captive in Babylon

597 BC – Ezekiel a captive in Babylon Zedekiah becomes king

588 BC – Habakkuk's Ministry ends

PRINCIPLES:

(1) **God sometimes seems to be inactive, but He is involved.** 1:12 showed that the Babylonians were under God's control, and He was using them to achieve His purposes.

(2) **God is holy.** In 1:13 Habakkuk said that God could not approve evil. This should be a sobering thought to us as we struggle with temptations, sins, bad habits (which is a euphemism for sins), etc.

(3) **God hears and answers prayers.**

(4) **God sometimes gives unexpected answers to our prayers.** When we pray, we usually have in our minds the way we want God to answer. When He answers differently, we think He hasn't answered at all.

(5) **God is Just and God is Good.** He will judge the wicked and he is concerned for the righteous.

(6) **The righteous live by faith and faithfulness.** This means we really believe that God is Good and God is just. And we live accordingly. What are some situations where you might need to do that?