

Habakkuk 1:5-11 – The Lord’s reply

Objective: To answer the question “is God fair?”

Read v.5

- When has there been a time when God completely amazed you? What happened? How did you react?
- Do you ever wonder exactly why God is doing what He is doing?
- Describe a time when you saw God work through circumstances you would’ve never understood had He told you.
- In this verse God does not rebuke Habakkuk for his complaint. Why? If God understands then why do we not trust Him with even the worst of situations?

Read v.6-10

- God used the ungodly Babylonians to punish Israel. How does God speak to Christians through pagans nowadays?
- What does it mean to be fair?
- Do you think God is fair?
- How would you respond if you were in Habakkuk’s shoes? Would you be pissed? Would you run? Would you argue? Would you tell everyone in the city? Would you pray?
- How would you find strength if you received this news? Would you even trust God anymore? What about if it was more personal: what if God said “the people of USF have completely gone against me so I am sending a gunman to take out everyone and bring my judgment upon them.”

Read v.11

- What exactly does “for their own strength is their god” mean?
- Have you ever been guilty of this? What happened?
- What do you do when you realize that you are making your own strength your God?

What I will be talking about

God uses sin for His own glory. How do you reconcile a sinful world with a loving God?

He can't be indifferent or un-caring, because the Christian God (unlike the gods of all the other religions) takes our misery and suffering so seriously that He is willing to get involved with it himself. On the cross, Jesus suffered with us. The problem of evil is not a problem for God. The existence of evil is part of the greater plan for God show the fullness of His divine attributes and for Him to receive the greatest amount of glory. God does all things for the ultimate purpose of His glory.



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