

## Habakkuk 1:12-2:1 – Habakkuk’s second complaint

**Objective: God does not change – He is just**

So...last week we talked about God’s plan after Habakkuk complained. Now we read Habakkuk’s response to God’s plan. Have you ever heard God tell you His will/plan for the next season of your life and then say: I don’t like that? For me that was New Orleans. God told me that while I was finishing seminary up online, that New Orleans will not be my home again anytime soon and I was like what? But all my stuff is there. It’s gone...but my life is there...I am giving you a new one. But I live with my wife’s parents and sleep on a twin bed which I share with my wife and Griffin is on a playpen in the same room so when I move he wakes up and screams. I drive to Orlando and live there 3 days a week how is this a “new life?” I don’t like this at all God.

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God decides to tell Habakkuk His plans, which rarely happens. It’s like running into the police station and saying “my neighborhood is filled with violence and all types of crime” and so we run to the police station searching for justice and we tell them our plight and they respond by saying that a plan is already in place and that plan will be the dropping of a tactical nuclear warhead over the neighborhood to destroy it. What? All we want to hear is that I understand I’ll send a patrol car over for the next couple of weeks and start community watch groups. No, I live there – So? Can’t you just pick and choose the ones who are bad and get them out? Nope.

So what does Habakkuk do? He cries out to God with statements of what he knows of God’s character.

When we are faced with something we don’t understand we need to run to God in prayer and speak to Him. We need to run to Him with our complaints, with what we are troubled with. We need to start with what we know about God to be true and work to what we are confused or upset about. You see God is unchanging. He is expecting you to come to Him and cry out to Him. We know some about who He is and what He can do but do we really know everything?

- Statement of belief. Habakkuk is not saying God you are nothing if you can’t stop this but the fact that he is saying God, I know you are eternal and will not let us die. He understands God’s power.

“This first complaint of Habakkuk demonstrates that he has the facts about God right, but his faith is still perplexed. Having mere facts does not demonstrate trust in God’s ways.”

He calls God by YAHWEH the Rock. He uses the covenant name...reminding God that you made a covenant with us, to take care of your people. Here he says you are never changing, so what’s going on? This doesn’t match up with what I know about you...as I’ve told these people for years and years. I’m confused about what I believe now.

Habakkuk declares his knowledge of God before He complains again. Many times our prayers end up being nothing but complaining or requesting. How many times have you been on your knees declaring who God is and thanking Him for what He has done before you even thought of yourself? I know I do it all the time and am VERY guilty of this.

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**2 Corinthians 10:12** Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

Do you ever say, wow, I'm glad I'm not like that person. As a parent I catch myself always looking at other people's kids and saying wow, I am a better parent than that person because my kids don't act like that. Have you ever compared yourself to someone like wow, I'm glad I didn't get that grade or I'm better off than that homeless person or I'm glad I'm not like that person who drinks all the time or doesn't go to class. You never really say you are better than them but you think it.

My kid does this...compares. Whenever someone says that's mine or I have this he says "no, that's God's not yours" and then proceeds to tell us or others that God owns everything and we should understand that...because he does.

"Habakkuk is working from what he knows to be true about God and his character, out to what he's not sure about God, which is God's providential working out of his character and plan."

**God is my rock, how can I trust Him today?**