

“HOW LONG, LORD?”

SERMON NOTES

Habakkuk 1:1-4

What evils & atrocities have you witnessed in our world?

What has been your reaction toward them?

1. **The Historical Context**

BOOK – How is it different from other books? (Whys – 1:3, 13; 2:18; 3:8)

AUTHOR – Who was Habakkuk (1:1; 3:19)?

DATE – When was this written? During who’s reign (2 Chron 36; 2 Kgs 23-24; Jeremiah)?

SETTING – What do we need to know about the national climate?

MESSAGE – What’s the key phrase (2:4)?

2. **Bring Your _____ to the Lord (vv. 1-2)**

“Oracle” = *burden* in the text = seen in “How long...” (Jer 26:20-23; 2 Chron 36:5, 8)

We too have made that same cry: “How long, Lord?”

Concerns of Habakkuk (thinking likely of Deut 28):

- Why did God seem so indifferent? (why don’t you hear me?)
- Why did God seem to be so insensitive? (why don’t you help me?)

What concerns our heart?

What is unique about God? (Exod 16:28; Num 14:11; Ps 55:2, Mt 11:28; 1 Pt 5:6-7)

3. **Silence Does Not Mean _____ (vv. 2-4)**

What concerned Habakkuk?

Jer 22:17; 23:10-11 – nature of Jehoiakim & Israel

Injustice –

Is God inactive?

(Ps 36:9; Heb 1:3; Mt 5:45; Titus 2:11; Jn 16; Acts 17:30; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pt 3:9)

How do we tackle Habakkuk’s problem?

4. **Freedom from Sin Is Found in _____ (v. 4)**

- OUR NEED TO PRAY (1 Tim 2:1-6)
- OUR NEED TO PREACH