

Habakkuk 1:3 – Devotional

When God Makes You Watch

Habakkuk 1:3 – “Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.”

Take a Breath.

Have you ever wished you could unsee something?

A tragedy. A betrayal. An injustice that shakes you to your core.

That’s Habakkuk’s reality. **God isn’t just allowing wickedness—He’s making Habakkuk watch.**

“Why do You make me see iniquity?”

That’s not just frustration—that’s exhaustion.

Habakkuk is sick of the violence. Sick of the corruption. Sick of the waiting.

Maybe you are too.

Reflect.

This verse hits deep because we’ve all been there.

We scroll past news stories of war, abuse, and corruption.

We hear personal stories of suffering—maybe even in our own homes.

And like Habakkuk, we wonder:

“God, You see this. Why aren’t You stopping it?”

That’s the tension of faith.

Believing in a just God when justice feels far away.

What Do You Do When God Seems Silent?

1. **Keep bringing your questions to Him.**

Habakkuk didn’t bury his frustration—he took it straight to God. **You can too.**

2. **Trust that God’s justice is on the way.**

Just because He hasn’t acted yet doesn’t mean He won’t.

3. Remember that Jesus asked the same question.

On the cross, Jesus Himself cried out,

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46)

That means He knows what it feels like to stare at injustice and wait for God to act.

But God wasn't absent at the cross.

And He isn't absent now.



Prayer

God,

I see the brokenness in the world around me.

And if I'm honest, I don't understand why You're letting it continue.

Like Habakkuk, I want to ask: **Why? How long?**

But instead of running from You, I choose to run toward You.

Even when I don't see justice, I trust that You are still good.

Even when I don't understand, I trust that You are still in control.

Open my eyes—not just to injustice, but to Your greater plan.

And give me the faith to wait for the day when justice rolls like a mighty river.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.



Key Takeaways

Faith isn't pretending everything is fine.

Faith is staring injustice in the face and still choosing to believe that God will make it right.

So today, don't numb yourself.

Don't ignore what you see.

Cry out. Speak up. Pray boldly.

Because the silence won't last forever.

And when God moves, **He moves in power.**