

Bible Summary

Habakkuk 1-3
Protest Pray Praise

Habakkuk is unique as a prophet in that he doesn't call God's people back to Torah observance but he begins his book with a protest about evil and God's plans. Next, he sets himself apart in a tower to pray to God. Finally, the book ends with praise to God. Habakkuk demonstrates a godly pattern of how believers should deal with their frustrations.

Scriptures: Habakkuk 1-3; Psalm 88; Job 13:15, 23:10; Psalm 23, 22; Jeremiah 11:21, 12:1-4, 15:10-18, 20:1-18, 23:5, 26:7-14; 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Habakkuk is at the end of his rope and issues his protest to God.
 - a. Is it ok to protest to God? Why or why not?
 - b. If so, when is the right time and right way?
 - c. What's the value of bringing your protest to God?
3. Sometimes it seems it takes a while for God to answer a prayer. Why do you think that is?
4. What does "tower time" look like for you? (Hab. 2:1)
 - a. What are some things in your life that pose a challenge to "tower time"?
5. Read Hab. 3:17-19 together. What changed from chapter 1 to chapter 3?
6. Praise cannot be tied to our circumstances. How do we focus on God in spite of our circumstances?
7. Protest has to give way to prayer and prayer to praise. What stage are you currently in?
 - a. How can we pray for you?