

# HABAKKUK

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*Living by Faith in Troubled Times*

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*The sovereign Lord is my source of strength Hab. 3:19*

1:2-4

COMPLAINT #1

WHY?  
HOW LONG?

(1:2)

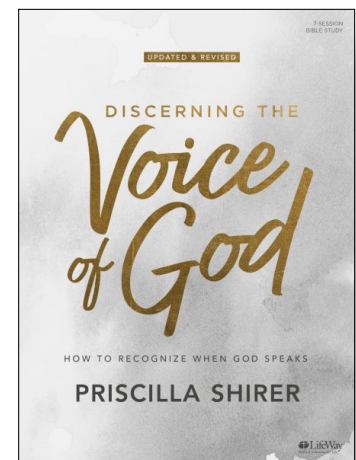


# The Questioning Prophet:

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*“Why”, “How long?”*. Aren't these the same two questions that haunt us as well, when the circumstances of life seem to be looming in on us with no detectable end in sight? Particularly when we've been praying about the same things for an extended period of time, waiting on God to give an indication that He has heard us or even cares, we can become discouraged and depleted of hope. The divine silence scares us. It makes us feel despondent. Ignored. Apathy threaten to set in, making us callous, bitter, and hardened. *page 168*



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Chapter 2:1-4

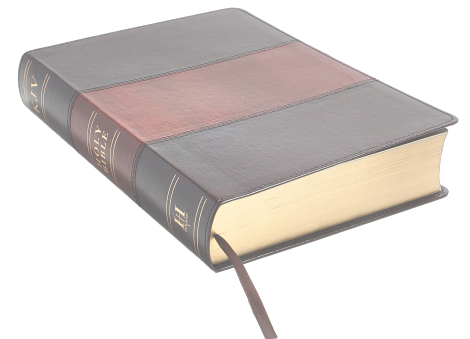
# Habakkuk Quoted in the New Testament

Habakkuk 2:4 Look, his *ego is inflated*; he is without integrity. *But the righteous one will live by his faith.*

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: *“The righteous will live by faith.”*

Galatians 3:11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because *“the righteous will live by faith.”*

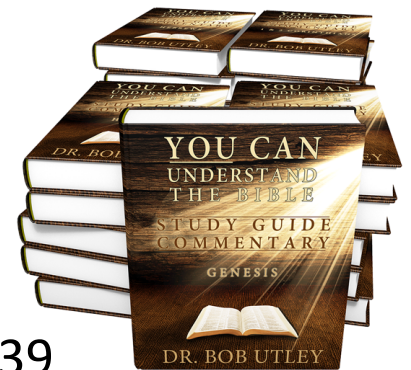
Hebrews 10:38 And, *“But my righteous one will live by faith.* And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”



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The OT “*faith*” had the primary metaphorical meaning of “**trustworthiness,**” “**faithfulness,**” or “**loyalty to**”. Saving faith is based on God’s faithfulness, however human faithfulness is evidence that one has trusted in God’s promises and revelation.



# 1. Faithful people don't let their questions turn them into quitters.

Habakkuk 2:1 *I will keep watching,*  
so I can see what he says to me  
and can know how I should answer  
when He counters my argument.

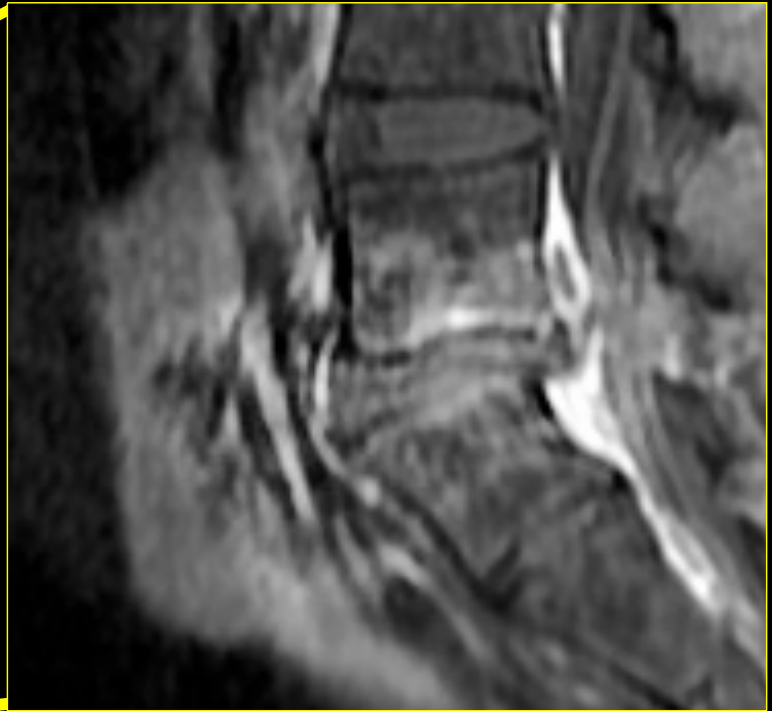


If you're on guard duty, it doesn't matter whether you feel badly. It doesn't matter whether you're sleepy. It doesn't matter whether you're bored. It doesn't really matter how you feel. It doesn't matter your circumstances. You may not leave your post. You can't. The whole city could be lost.



You can't say, "Well, you know, I've been up here day after day. There have never been any enemies. I'm going to knock off early." Or, "I'm tired. I'm bored." *It doesn't matter.* You cannot leave your post. You must do your duty. This is Habakkuk's way of showing us that even though he is struggling with God He is struggling enormously with God. He is asking God some really hard questions, but he will not leave his post.





## 2. Faithful people are ready to confess when they are wrong.

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**3. Faithful people expect to learn, are ready to share what they know, and are patient.**

Habakkuk 2:2 Write down this vision; clearly inscribe it on tablets so one may easily read it... If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come.

**4. Real faithfulness flows from trusting in the work of Jesus.**



“It wasn’t a day of hatred toward the enemy. It did not matter about the politics. It mattered about those brothers to your left and your right – we did not fight because we hated the guys who were attacking us, we did it more because we loved the guys that were on our left and right. Love will win out over hate and anger any day of the week,”



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## 4. Real faithfulness flows from trusting in the work of Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2-3 fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



Luke 22:19–20 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; **do this in remembrance of me.**”<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

