

# 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*

# The Questioning Prophet:

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Chapter 3:1-2, 17-18

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Habakkuk 3:17-18 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> *yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

Habakkuk 3:1-2 This is a prayer of Habakkuk the prophet according to Shigionoth:

<sup>2</sup> Lord, I have heard the report of what you did; I am awed, Lord, by what you accomplished. In our time repeat those deeds; in our time reveal them again. But in Your wrath remember mercy!

**1. When questions about God or life creep in, take time to remind yourself of what you KNOW to be true.**

Habakkuk 3:2 Lord, I have heard the report of what you did; I am awed, Lord, by what you accomplished.

Instead of standing staring in the face of his problem he backed off from the problem and he stood on solid ground. He gave up on what he didn't know and started remembering what he did know and instead of worrying about why

things were going the way they were going, and why in the world God was allowing this and allowing that, he just stood back and said,



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"Now wait a minute, my God is an eternal God, He's a righteous God, He can't stand sin, He's got to punish sin, He never does wrong, He always does right," and He began to tie down in his own mind that which he knew about God. Once he had established

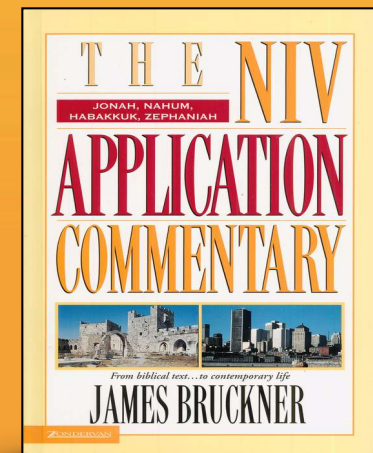


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what he did know about God then it was much easier to cope with what he didn't know about the events around him.

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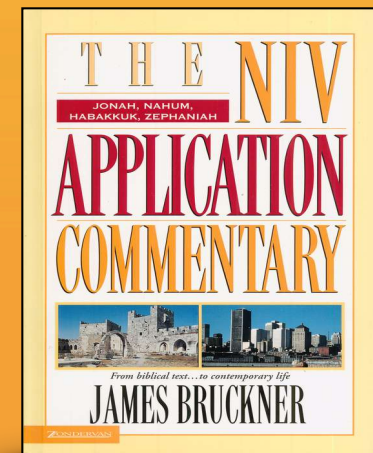
*“Looking back into Israel’s  
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and hope.”*



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*“Looking up* at creation’s  
wonders as a sign of  
the Creator’s presence  
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**2. In times of turmoil,  
there's nothing wrong with  
crying out to God!**

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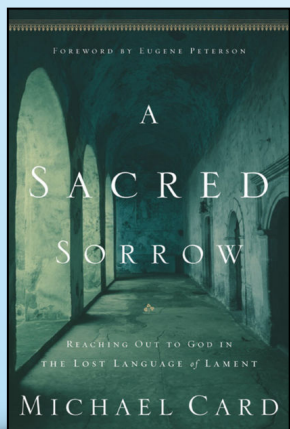
The book of Psalms brims with honest questions to God about evil and suffering and asks why God doesn't intervene. The psalms of lament grant us permission to express to God our honest questions, doubts, griefs and despair.

- *Randy Alcorn*

<http://www.epm.org/blog/2016/Oct/7/laments-mourn-questions>

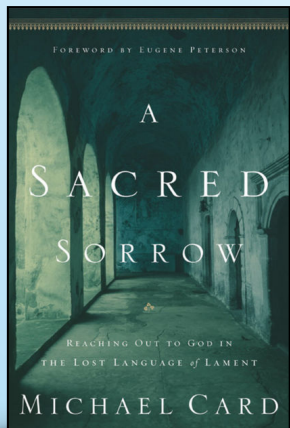


My experience with lament and with the living God occurred several years ago, when I was diagnosed with a degenerative liver disease. My father had died when I was seventeen, and now faced with the possibility that I might die, leaving behind my seventeen-year-old son and fourteen-year-old daughter, I was overwhelmed with feelings of anger and confusion and pain. When I finally let go and cried out to God, it was in fury and frustration that I unleashed on Him, accusing Him, questioning Him.



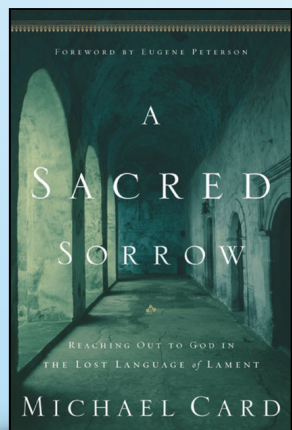
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It did not make any sense to me. How could a loving God allow my children to go through the pain that I had? I had done all that He had asked of me. I had been a faithful servant and made the right choices and sacrifices. Why was He doing this to me? How dare He? I was certain that I had pushed Him too far, that I was now going to experience His wrath and condemnation for my ranting and unbelief. But what I found instead was great mercy and tenderness. I experienced His loving-kindness in a way that I never had before.



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He had been waiting all along for me to come to the end of myself and fall on my knees before Him. He had been waiting for me to be completely honest with who I was, instead of who I thought I should be. And I realized that it was in my brokenness and weakness that I was truly able to know the tremendous love that my great God has for me. He could take anything that I hurled at Him. He was not going to let me go.



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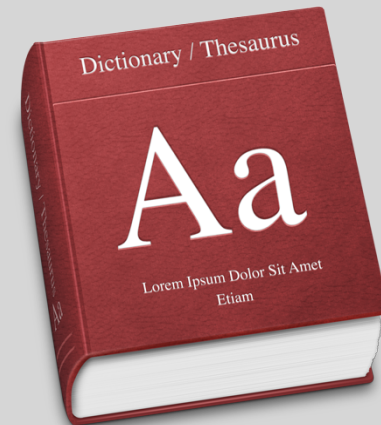


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Remember:

“act on behalf of”



**3. In times of turmoil, you can take comfort knowing that God 'remembered' to act on our behalf.**

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A person wearing a hooded raincoat is carrying a child on their back. They are walking through a forest with tall, thin trees. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting it is raining or has recently rained. The overall mood is somber and protective.

Rain