



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of March 8, 2026

Habakkuk 3:1-19

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. 2 O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. 3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. 4 His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. 5 Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels. 6 He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. 8 Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? 9 You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. Selah You split the earth with rivers. 10 The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. 11 The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. 12 You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. 13 You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. Selah 14 You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. 15 You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters. 16 I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us. 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. 19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

1. How do you make sense of the evil and suffering in the world? How would you explain to an unbeliever how a sovereign, all-powerful, good, loving, benevolent God can exist in the face of all this evil?
2. In Habakkuk's prayer he laments to God. Judah was once again under the reign of an evil king (Jehoiakim) and the Babylonians were on the verge of attacking Jerusalem. When evil surrounds us and festers from within, what can/should the righteous do?
3. Why is real Christian faith not simply escapism from the harsh realities of life? Explain how the power of faith in God can practically help us through even the deepest darkest trials and suffering.
4. Can you learn to have this kind of faith in a classroom or from books? How is a powerful faith forged?
5. Would you want the ability to overcome all challenges, problems, enemies, even health issues in your own strength? Explain. If you did have that ability, what kind of person do you think you would be?
6. When life makes no sense, when we are suffering and in pain, when we feel hopeless, what do we learn from our passage in Habakkuk?
7. What is the greatest proof that God is real, loving, faithful, and will always be with us, will always keep His promises to us, and will ultimately bring us to victory even through the darkest most painful times?