

Habakkuk 1 - God, do you know what You're doing?

Introduction

Opposites attract, do they not? They also frequently fight for dominance.

- Bad thing in marriage. Mercy vs. justice.
- Magnets.
- Villans and heroes.
- Biblically, the flesh and the spirit.
- What about faith? What's the opposite of faith that fights for dominance? Not lack of faith.
- It's pride. **[2] Pride is the opposite of faith.**
- What is faith? Faith is trust. It's trusting that something that someone else has control over says it going to happen.
- What is pride? **[3] Pride is faith in yourself and not the Lord.** Pride wants the credit even if you didn't do the thing.
- **Faith says, "I can't, but God can." Pride says, "I can, and I'm not even going to ask God."**

That's at the heart of this little three chapter book. Faith is not saying, "Thanks God, I can take it from here." That's pride. Faith means faith, no matter what.

Ingression

With that in mind, let's open to Habakkuk 1. **[4]**

1:1

Does God still speak?

Some may be tempted to blurt out a simple yes/no. There is more to the question than you might think.

- One extreme - all that God has chosen to reveal and communicate is in the Bible. That's it.
- The other extreme - God is still revealing and communicating, even updating/correcting what He said in the past.
- The Biblical and practical reality - **[5] any time you pray for something along the lines of, "Lord, what should I do?" You are asking for and expecting God to speak.**
- Scripture tells us to pray for God's wisdom. The command to seek it implies that He will answer. **Does God still speak? Yes.**

How does God speak? **[6]**

This is the stinker. This is the church-splitter, denomination maker.

- **[7] Short answer - however He wants to!** Voice from Heaven, burning bush, pillar of fire, still small voice, etc.
- **[8] Perpetuity of gifts vs. Cessationism.** Tongues, prophecy, teaching, word of wisdom, knowledge, visions, dreams. His ultimate message is the cross and resurrection.
- **I still like the short answer!**

What does He say? **[9]**

This is the real kicker. **The key to this question is this; it's more about what He does NOT say than what He does.**

- To ask what He DOES say is really to ask what CAN He say. **[10] The problem with this is**

that we become the ones who put the limits on God. That's bad.

- It's better to ask what does He NOT say. The answer is simple. **[11]** He never says anything that contradicts His own word.
- Can I have sex with this person to whom I am not married and who may or many not be of the opposite gender than me? No.
- Can I lie about how much I gave to the church to get a tax break? No.
- Can I believe anything I want, be a nice person, and still go to Heaven? No.
- An angelic being appeared to me and told me to start my own... no, no, no.
- How come no one asks the opposite of these?

Does God still speak? Yes. How? However he wants. What does He say? Nothing that contradicts His own word. Mainly He says, "I love you. Let's walk together."

Interconnection

In Habakkuk's case, he had some kind of vision in which he had a conversation of sorts with God. While it was a vision, this happened. Like Peter in [Acts 10](#).

1:2-4 **[12]**

Habakkuk's first fit.

Ever had one of those? Before we get into it let's get a better idea what he was on about. **[13]** Survey [2 Kings 21:1-9, 16-24](#).

Walk through [Habakkuk 1:2-4](#), make identification and application. Main application: **[14]** It's not bad to begin with a fit like this, so long as you end well.

1:5-11 **[15]**

The Lord's first answer.

Walk through and highlight. Gives us an insight as to when book was written. Brief history and future of the Chaldeans. Supplementary stuff in [2 Kings 21+](#) and end of [2 Chronicles](#).

God says, "I know, I'm already on it." However, method of dealing with the situation would have been similar to using the Nazi's in Poland.

1:12-17 **[16]**

Habakkuk's second fit.

God, do you know what You're doing? "Lord, I know I asked for your help, but this is not what I had in mind. In fact, it's worse than you very much!" **[17]** Judges shuffle:

- Sin
- Servitude
- Supplication
- Salvation
- Spiral

How different are we? [How do we escape the spiral?](#) Starts with Jesus, stay in Jesus. Stay in that [supplication and salvation zone](#). Lack of supplication short-circuits salvation. (Not in loss of salvation sense but in context of the shuffle.)

2:1 **[18]**

That's how Habakkuk leaves that round, and so will we. Anyone identify? Notice the hint of

humility. We need that when having a tantrum.

Imploration

God knows what He's doing. In fact, He wants to communicate with you about it. In fact, He wants you to be a part of it. How? It begins with Jesus. Gospel.