

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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## HABAKKUK WRESTLING WITH GOD

**Habakkuk 1 (NIV)** *"The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.*

Habakkuk means to "embrace" or to "wrestle."

<sup>2</sup>How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted."

### HABAKKUK'S PROBLEMS WITH GOD

1. You don't seem to care.
2. You aren't doing much when you could.
3. What you are doing doesn't seem fair.

**James 1:2-4 (NIV)** <sup>2</sup>"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Because grace meets us where we are, not where we pretend to be.

**Habakkuk 1:5 (NIV)** "Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

**Amaze: Tamah - to be astonished or to marvel**

**Habakkuk 1:6-17** <sup>1</sup>"I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup>They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor. <sup>8</sup>Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like an eagle swooping to devour; <sup>9</sup>they all come intent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand.

<sup>10</sup> They mock kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; by building earthen ramps they capture them. <sup>11</sup> Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—guilty people, whose own strength is their god.

<sup>12</sup> Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

<sup>13</sup> Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

<sup>14</sup> You have made people like the fish in the sea, like the sea creatures that have no ruler. <sup>15</sup> The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks, he catches them in his net, he gathers them up in his dragnet; and so he rejoices and is glad. <sup>16</sup> Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his dragnet, for by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food. <sup>17</sup> Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?"

**Gen 3:15b (NIV)** "he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

**Isaiah 53:3 (NIV)** "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem."

**Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)** "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

**Matthew 27:46 (NIV)** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV)** "At the Potter's House <sup>1</sup>This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>'Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.<sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me. <sup>6</sup>He said, 'Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?' declares the Lord. 'Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.'"