# Sermon Questions

*The Workings of Almighty God*
*Habakkuk 3:17–19*
*Pastor Jeff Hinds*

**CONNECT:**

- What is one thing you are grateful for this Thanksgiving season?

**GROW:**

- Read Habakkuk 3:17-19. How would you summarize verse 17? Verse 18? Verse 19?
- Why did God wait so long to punish -- first Israel, and then Judah for their many sins (see Psalm 103:18, Genesis 15:16 and 2 Peter 3:3-9)? Why is that good news for you and your loved ones?
- Read Habakkuk 1:5-11a. Why is Habakkuk scandalized by the coming judgment on Judah (see also Habakkuk 1:13)? Does he have a right to be scandalized by this (see 2 Kings 21:1-6, 9)? Please explain
- What are things that have occurred in your own life for which you may have struggled to be thankful? How has God worked through these struggles?
- When facing a struggle, why is the following question good to ask: What is God up to and how can I join Him?
- Despite my struggles, why does that mean that God has not made mistakes in my life?
- Why does the truth of Philippians 3:20 make a profound difference when I am facing struggles?

**GO:**

- Make a list of struggles in your life and how God has worked in you and through you in each of them.

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1. Our God is (mercifully) slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Habakkuk 1–3; Exodus 34:6; Numbers 14:18; Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 86:5, 103:8, 145:8; Joel 4:2; Nahum 1:3).

2. Our God is so great, so independent, and so sovereign, that although He neither wills evil, nor causes evil, He is able to use the evil of others, without soiling Himself, for His Divine purposes (Habakkak 1–3).

3. Our God works silver linings for all who love Him, serve Him, and are living in accordance with His purposes (Romans 8:28; Habakkuk 3:17–19).

4. Our God does not make mistakes. If we seek to truly live for Him, He will work all things together for good. He will. (Habakkuk 1–3; Romans 8:28).

5. Our God has promised an eternal future, and bliss, for all who know Jesus as Savior and live for Him as Lord. This planet is not our endgame. This is not our home. True Christ-followers are only passing through—our inheritance is yet future! Praise the Lord! (Habakkuk 1–3; 1 Peter 2:11; John 14:1-6; Revelation 21–22).