

Habakkuk 1:12-17 (NIV)

Habakkuk's Second Complaint

¹² LORD, are you not from everlasting?

My God, my Holy One, you^[a] will never die.

You, LORD, have appointed them to execute judgment;

you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

¹³ 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?

¹⁴ You have made people like the fish in the sea,

like the sea creatures that have no ruler.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ Is he to keep on emptying his net,

destroying nations without mercy?

Habakkuk 2:16-20 (NIV)

¹⁶ You will be filled with shame instead of glory.

Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be exposed^[a]!

The cup from the LORD's right hand is coming around to you,

and disgrace will cover your glory.

¹⁷ The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,
and your destruction of animals will terrify you.

For you have shed human blood;
you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.

¹⁸ “Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman?
Or an image that teaches lies?

For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation;
he makes idols that cannot speak.

¹⁹ Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’

Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’
Can it give guidance?
It is covered with gold and silver;
there is no breath in it.”

²⁰ The LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth be silent before him.