

**COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT
HABAKKUK / 12-9-18 / P.M.**

I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HABAKKUK?

- A. His name means "wrestler".
- B. Most prophet's spoke to people on behalf of God. Habakkuk, however, did the opposite. He spoke to God on behalf of his people.
- C. His time of ministry has been put between 612 and 606 B.C.
 - 1. Remember that Assyria was defeated by the Babylonians in 612 B.C.
 - 2. He was a contemporary of Nahum, Zephaniah and Jeremiah.

II. WHAT DID HABAKKUK COMPLAIN TO GOD ABOUT?

- A. First, Habakkuk complained that God didn't answer his prayers—1:1a.
- B. Second, Habakkuk complained about wicked people prospering while good people don't—1:13.
- C. God's answer to both complaints are found in Hab 2:2-3.

III. LESSONS FROM HABAKKUK.

- 1. When bad things happen remember who God is—1:12
 - a. God is eternal—"Lord are you not from everlasting"
 - b. God is holy—"My God, my Holy One".
 - c. God is dependable—"My Rock"
- 2. Don't be surprised if God's timing is different than yours—2:3—"For the revelation awaits an appointed time.....though it linger, wait for it, it will certainly come..."
- 3. Expect God to answer your prayers—2:1—I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me..."
- 4. When you don't know what else to do, pray—3:1—"A prayer of Habakkuk..."
- 5. Praise God regardless of your circumstances—3:17-18--17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no

food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

6. Look to God to give you strength to face everything—**3:19-- The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.**
7. Remember that God wants us to live by faith—**2:4b--....the righteous person will live by his faithfulness (faith).**