

**A Prophet Perplexed Over God's Plan  
"I Don't Understand, Lord!"  
(Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** I want you to consider with me two guiding principles exemplified by Habakkuk that I trust will bring you peace in trying times of what's not fair.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ God. That is, reflect upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (1:12-13b).

II. \_\_\_\_\_ God. That is, rest in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (2:1).

**Conclusion**

**Text: Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1**

<sup>12</sup> Are You not from everlasting,  
O LORD, my God, my Holy One?  
We will not die.  
You, O LORD, have appointed them to judge;  
And You, O Rock, have established them to correct.  
<sup>13</sup> *Your* eyes are too pure to approve evil,  
And You cannot look on wickedness *with favor*.  
Why do You look with favor  
On those who deal treacherously?  
Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up  
Those more righteous than they?  
<sup>14</sup> *Why* have You made men like the fish of the sea,  
Like creeping things without a ruler over them?  
<sup>15</sup> *The Chaldeans* bring all of them up with a hook,  
Drag them away with their net,  
And gather them together in their fishing net.  
Therefore they rejoice and are glad.  
<sup>16</sup> Therefore they offer a sacrifice to their net  
And burn incense to their fishing net;  
Because through these things their catch is large,  
And their food is plentiful.  
<sup>17</sup> Will they therefore empty their net  
And continually slay nations without sparing?  
**2:** <sup>1</sup> I will stand on my guard post  
And station myself on the rampart;  
And I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me,  
And how I may reply when I am reproved.

**Related Texts:**

**Psalm 90:2**

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born  
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**Psalm 73:16-19**

<sup>16</sup> When I pondered to understand this,  
It was troublesome in my sight  
<sup>17</sup> Until I came into the sanctuary of God;  
*Then* I perceived their end.  
<sup>18</sup> Surely You set them in slippery places;  
You cast them down to destruction.  
<sup>19</sup> How they are destroyed in a moment!  
They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors!

**Jeremiah 31:35-37**

<sup>35</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
Who gives the sun for light by day  
And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light  
by night,  
Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;  
The LORD of hosts is His name:  
<sup>36</sup> "If this fixed order departs  
From before Me," declares the LORD,  
"Then the offspring of Israel also will cease  
From being a nation before Me forever."  
<sup>37</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
"If the heavens above can be measured  
And the foundations of the earth searched out below,  
Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel  
For all that they have done," declares the LORD.

**Psalm 18:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> "I love You, O LORD, my strength."  
<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and  
my deliverer,  
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;  
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**Psalm 5:4**

<sup>4</sup> For You are not a God who takes pleasure in  
wickedness;  
No evil can dwell with You.

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> Though youths grow weary and tired,  
And vigorous young men stumble badly,  
<sup>31</sup> Yet those who wait for the LORD  
Will gain new strength;  
They will mount up *with* wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.

**Lamentations 3:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,  
For His compassions never fail.  
<sup>23</sup> *They* are new every morning;  
Great is Your faithfulness.