

Our Comforting God

Finding Comfort in Uncomfortable Times

Introduction

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- Habakkuk went from problems with God to praise in God.

Three Mega Themes in Habakkuk

1. Struggle and Doubt
2. God's Sovereignty
3. Hope

How to Go from Questions About God To Confidence in God

1. **Honesty.** (Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-17)

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- A. Expressed freely
- B. Expressed to God

2. **Patience.** (2:1-3)

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3. **Faith.** (2:4)

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4. **Prayer.** (3:1,2)

5. **Meditation.** (3:3, 9, 13)

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3:1-3 – Revive

3:4-9 – Remember

3:10-13 – Restore

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