

*THE BURDEN OF*  
**HABAKKUK**



# **Hope in the Midst of Judgment**

**The faithful are to trust that  
God will not fail to lift up  
the righteous and judge  
those who do evil.**

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**Habakkuk 1:12**

**12** Are you not from everlasting,  
O LORD my God, my Holy One?  
We shall not die.

O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment,  
and you, O Rock, have established them for  
reproof.

**13** You who are of purer eyes than to see evil  
and cannot look at wrong,  
why do you idly look at traitors  
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up  
the man more righteous than he? ...

**14**You make mankind like the fish of the sea,  
like crawling things that have no ruler.

**15**He brings all of them up with a hook;  
he drags them out with his net;  
he gathers them in his dragnet;  
so he rejoices and is glad.

**16**Therefore he sacrifices to his net  
and makes offerings to his dragnet;  
for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.

**17**Is he then to keep on emptying his net  
and mercilessly killing nations forever? ...

**<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my  
complaint.**

**<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:**

**“Write the vision;**

**make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.**

**<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;**

**it hastens to the end—it will not lie.**

**If it seems slow, wait for it;**

**it will surely come; it will not delay. ...**

**4“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,**

**but the righteous shall live by his faith.**

**5“Moreover, wine is a traitor,**

**an arrogant man who is never at rest.**

**His greed is as wide as Sheol;**

**like death he has never enough.**

**He gathers for himself all nations**

**and collects as his own all peoples.”**

**During this time of reflection,  
please consider this question:**

**How can you apply  
Habakkuk's model of prayer  
to a situation you've been  
praying about?**