

THE BURDEN OF
HABAKKUK



**O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before
you will judge and avenge our blood on those who
dwell on the earth?**

Revelation 6:10

The Fairness of God's Judgment

**The Lord is a righteous judge
who will not fail to judge
every sin.**

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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? ...

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

15He 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.

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

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

**¹I 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.**

²And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;

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

³For 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.”

⁶Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say, “Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own— for how long?— and loads himself with pledges!” ...

**⁷Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.**

**⁸Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder
you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.**

**9“Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,
to set his nest on high,
to be safe from the reach of harm!**

**10You have devised shame for your house
by cutting off many peoples;
you have forfeited your life.**

**11For the stone will cry out from the wall,
and the beam from the woodwork respond.**

12“Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!

13Behold, is it not from the LORD of hosts
that peoples labor merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?

14For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

15“Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—
you pour out your wrath and make them drunk,
in order to gaze at their nakedness!

16You will have your fill of shame instead of glory.
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!

The cup in the LORD's right hand
will come around to you,
and utter shame will come upon your glory! ...

17The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

18“What profit is an idol
when its maker has shaped it,
a metal image, a teacher of lies?

**For its maker trusts in his own creation
when he makes speechless idols!**

19Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!

Can this teach? ...

**Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.**

**²⁰But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”**

**During this reflection time
would you pray to God:**

**Dear Heavenly Father, thank
you for sending Jesus to
receive the judgment that I
have earned for my sin.**