

Habakkuk: Waiting for an Answer

↪ **Habakkuk 2:1-3**, Habakkuk is rather unusual among the prophets because most contain a message from God to the people through a prophet, but his is a record of a prophet's conversation with God. The biggest lesson we can learn from it all, one of the biggest in life is to be quiet and trust God, to be still and trust Him, to trust His character and His power and His unfailing plan.

1. 3 things to help us trust and wait for God in our lives.

- 1) Trust the character of God. Habakkuk fully believes God cares enough to answer him and that His answer is the best thing, **Habakkuk 3:17-19**.
 - ✓ God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life, **Jeremiah 29:11**. God has taken care of the big stuff, so He'll take care of the smaller stuff, **Romans 8:32**. Trust that God will answer you, **Jeremiah 33:3**; **1st Peter 5:7**.
- 2) Ask God specifically.
 - ✓ Habakkuk is not afraid to ask God why; there is nothing wrong with that question. **Matthew 7:7-8**; **James 4:2**, what are you missing out on because you haven't asked?
- 3) Expect an answer from God; look what Habakkuk does. He readies himself to hear from God and then he hears.
 - ✓ When you pray, do you expect an answer? **James 1:5-8**, a lot of times we don't get an answer because we aren't expecting one. We may not like the answer; Habakkuk didn't at first but then he straightened himself.

2. Signs you are listening.

- 1) Gotten in a quiet place, **Habakkuk 2:20**. If you want to hear from God, make sure you're somewhere that you can listen.
 - ✓ Habakkuk goes to a watchtower because, among other things, it's a quiet place with no distractions. Are you quieting yourself before God?, **Luke 5:16**, Jesus often did this.
 - ✓ There is so much noise in our lives that the voice of God is hard to hear. If you expect a response, put yourself where you can hear, **Habakkuk 1:1-8**.
- 2) Writing down His answers, **verse 2**, if you expect a response, be ready to write. It's amazing how easily answers from God get misinterpreted when we just try to remember them.
- 3) Be willing to wait, **verses 2-3**, God is not in a hurry; hurry is the death of prayer.

Prayer in a large sense is just stopping and waiting. One of the biggest lessons in life is to be quiet and trust God, to be still and trust Him, to trust His character and His power and His unfailing plan.
