

## Answering Life's Toughest Questions

*Lesson Two • Habakkuk 1:12-2:4*

### God, Are You Really Fair?

Three Thoughts Concerning Our Second Tough Question:

- ❖ The question, "God, are You really fair?" germinates in the soil of our PERSPECTIVE on life and God.
- ❖ The problem is our perspective is not always the same as REALITY, especially in matters of faith and eternity.
- ❖ The starting point in answering the question, "God, are You really fair?" is ADMITTING that we have formed some opinions about God that may be inaccurate.

When You Have Serious Doubts About the Fairness of God...

### 1. EXPOSE the Wrong Perspective! *Habakkuk 1:12-13*

***Habakkuk's Wrong Perspective to Expose:***

God has abandoned FAIRNESS in the coming judgment of His people.

***Habakkuk Rehearses the Truth of God's Unchangeable Character:***

- God is ETERNAL.
- God is HOLY.
- God is SOVEREIGN.
- God is FAITHFUL.

### 2. EMBRACE the Right Perspective! *Habakkuk 1:12-17*

***A Right Perspective to Embrace:***

God has ORDAINED difficult circumstances for the life of every Christ-follower!

***Habakkuk Questions God's Use of the Babylonians:***

- Why would God EMPLOY a people of iniquity? *vs. 12-13*
- Why would God ENDORSE a people of injustice? *vs. 14-15*
- Why would God EXCUSE a people of idolatry? *vs. 16-17*

Habakkuk's Question:

God, are You really fair?

God's Answer:

Tough times are coming, so get ready and TRUST ME!

*I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:1-4*

Lessons of Hope to Live By:

- ❖ Commit your THOUGHTS to God. *vs. 2:1*
- ❖ Refuse to GIVE UP on God. *vs. 2:2-3*
- ❖ Live by FAITH in God. *vs. 2:4*