

Think Big and Talk to God...Questions are OK!

Habakkuk 1: 1-17 (CSB)

INTRODUCTION:

Habakkuk means “He who Embraces” and reveals a picture of this prophet who is asking difficult questions in trying to understand the actions and approaches of the God he serves.

QUESTIONS:

Question 1: Why God are you so patient with Sinful and Disrespectful humanity? (1: 1-4)

Question 2: Why would God choose the polluted people of foreign gods to spread more pollution on the needy of Judah? Why not punish sinful people? Within Habakkuk’s attitude, we find NOT a complaint against God or desire to alter His Will. There was only a hunger for knowing the Will of His Maker.

God's Response: He reveals to Habakkuk that He sees mankind and understands but will deal with matters in His time. Yet, He challenges Habakkuk to remain on task with his responsibilities in Serving God....with, or without, full understanding of God! (2: 2-20)

Chapter 3 reveals a "Song" of trust and faith beyond personal understanding. The Prophet’s Prayer (Ch. 3): “Revive Your Work!” (V. 1-3) Habakkuk understood that Judah deserved God’s Wrath for treating the Lord as a religious theory. Are we any different today in our treatment of the Lord? We come together to sing and study a bit but how many of us know what it is to have Christ as Lord...not Saviour...Lord? Father, “please revive your work at CBC today!” Father, “please revive your work in my heart.” Let me depend less on myself and more on you. Ch. 3 is a song of trust. Trust beyond understanding!

Struggles with our faith are not all bad. Questions toward God may enlighten us or stretch our grasp of Him. Yet, it may well be that the fellowship of prayer and praise directed toward God is what He hungers to see us doing. He welcomes the stretching of our minds as he reveals the Love of His heart for you and me. Let us learn from Habakkuk.