

**God's Ways Are Not Our Ways (Habakkuk)**  
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God was not making his presence felt and Habakkuk freely expresses his concerns, his frustrations, and his doubts to God.

Why are evil and suffering rampant in our world? Goodness and justice, on the other hand, seem to fail.

Sadly, many in our world choose not to concern themselves with such questions. Their world is reduced to their personal economics and, provided they are in reasonable shape, such people get along just fine.

Christians will (should) have some degree of distress of soul.

Our world is full of people who are full of doubts about God, but they never express those doubts to God.

How can you begin to understand God if you are not going to the place (church) and using the resource (Bible) that will help you find God?

Many form theology based off of what they think and hear, as opposed to direct questioning and direct study.

We end up creating our own gods and religions and we simply discard anything we do not like or understand.

If we bring doubts and questions to God and seek his face about them, we will get an answer. But if we turn from him, if we isolate ourselves (and our intellect), if we throw the Scriptures away, if we reject the church and its people, that is when we are in trouble.

"I am the Lord," Habakkuk. "I am the one who is sovereignly in control. I am going to work out my purposes."

Others doubt God's goodness and righteousness because things are not working out in their own lives the way they think it should. Instead of questioning themselves, they question God.

We believe that we have an inalienable right to constant good health and a long life; to material prosperity, as some preach.

When life doesn't play out as we think it should; instead of turning to God, we turn away from God.

It is good and right for us to approach our Heavenly Father and ask our questions.

We feel we have the right to an answer for every question, a solution for every problem. We want God to line up with our thoughts and our timelines.

God says, "I want you to recognize that the outcome is certain. There will be a delay, but wait for it. When I am ready, I will act...and not a minute before."

Habakkuk says, "I will have my doubts and questions about how you are working. I will not stop questioning – but there is one other thing that I will not stop doing either. I will not stop rejoicing in you. For you are my rock and you are my strength. And I trust in you."

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