

# Difficult Questions

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## Divine Answers

## Studies in the Prophecy of Habakkuk

June 28th, 2020

Difficult Questions...Divine Answers Part 2

When God Doesn't Make Sense

Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

Two movements in our passage - those two movements will give us two actions that help us navigate the seasons of life when God doesn't make sense!

I. ACKNOWLEDGE \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12-2:1)

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### *A Biblical Perspective on God and Evil*

God uses all things to fulfil His purpose - even evil (Prov 16:4, Ps 76:10)

God never does evil and is never to be blamed with evil (James 1:13-14)

God rightly blames and judges moral creatures for the evil they do (Isa 10:5-39, Acts 2:23)

God ultimately doesn't just permit but does this for His glory and our good (Eph 1:11, Isaiah 45:7)

Taken from Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology : An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, Mich.: Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan Pub. House, 1994), 1151.

II. BE PREPARED \_\_\_\_\_ (2:2-5)

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# MINING THE MESSAGE

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND FURTHER RESOURCES  
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What is God's discipline designed to achieve? (Deut. 8:5; Job 34:31; Pss. 94:12; 119:71; 1 Cor. 11:32; Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 3:19)

The Babylonians abused their success. How should we react to success? (Deut. 6:10-12; 8:13-14; Prov. 27:2; 30:9; Matt. 23:5-7; 2 Cor. 10:18; 1 Thess. 2:6)

How should we balance waiting and action? (Mark 13:32-37; Luke 12:41-46; Gal. 6:9-10)

How does one become righteous? (Isa. 51:5; 53:11; Rom. 3:21-24; Gal. 3:10-14)

What evidence can be cited that a person truly has faith? (Gal. 5:6, 22-23; 1 Thess. 1:2; James 2:14-26; 1 Pet. 1:8)

What attitudes should the Christian display rather than arrogance and greed? (Prov. 22:9; 25:21-22; Matt. 5:42; Phil. 2:3-11; 1 Tim. 6:6-11, 18; 1 Pet. 5:5-6; 1 John 3:17)

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**Resources:** *This list of resources is designed to address topics raised in the message in more details. The inclusion of the resources here does mean total endorsement of every "jot and tittle" and of course, I encourage you to be a Berean and test all things (Acts 17:11, 1 Thess 5:21) and to pray through the text we've studied, trusting the Lord to grant further understanding*

*All Things for Good, Thomas Watson (book)*

*No One Like Him, John Feinberg (book)*

*The Sovereignty of God, A.W. Pink (book, available free from [www.chapellibrary.org](http://www.chapellibrary.org))*

*Sinners in the Hands of a Good God, David Clotfelter (book)*

*How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering and Evil, D.A. Carson (book)*

*God and Evil, Mike Ricarrdi (sermon, available at [www.thegracelifepulpit.com](http://www.thegracelifepulpit.com))*

*Does the Doctrine of the Divine Decrees Eliminate Human Free Will, John MacArthur (sermon, available at [www.ligonier.org](http://www.ligonier.org))*

*Why Does God Allow So Much Evil and Suffering, John MacArthur (sermon, available at [www.ligonier.org](http://www.ligonier.org))*

*The Goodness of God and the Existence of Evil, S. Lewis Johnson (sermon, available at [www.sljstitute.net](http://www.sljstitute.net))*