When God's Plan Is Different Than Mine

Greg Kline · Habakkuk 1:2–2:3

INTRODUCTION

- Habakkuk says, God, I have a problem. He said, I am prophesying in and around your people, and they are wicked.
- What do we do when God's plan is different than our plan? What will I do when I say I should go left, and God's will tells me that I need to be going right.
- In a nutshell, Habakkuk says, God, I don't like your plan. Because Babylon's more wicked than Judah is.

1 Acknowledge That God Sees All and Knows All

Habakkuk 1:5–6; Psalm 139:1–16

- We have to acknowledge that God sees all and knows all.
- He says, Habakkuk, look among the nations, see, wonder, and be astounded. I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.
- We have to know that God knows all, sees all, and has the perfect plan.
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. It is high. I cannot attain it.
- The decision to trust in God when our paths differ. It often needs to be decided before we get to the moment of crisis.

2 Turn to God, Not Away From Him

Habakkuk 1:2; Isaiah 55:8–9; Hebrews 12:1

- And do you know what he did with his problem? Even when he disagreed with how God was handling it? He took it to God.
- I'm going to take my problem to God because I know he is in control.
- For God's ways are higher than our ways, and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
- Do you find yourself praying more in frequency and openness? Or less in frequency and openness?
- But our God, who created us and the others involved in the dilemma, cares for us.

3 I May Not Always Love God's Plan

Habakkuk 1:12; Jonah 1:1–3

- But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.
- God's plan, God's will doesn't change because I don't like it. God's plan doesn't change because it makes me uncomfortable.
- We pray less, we read the Bible less, and we act as if we can hide away from God.
- As a Christian, I should agree with God's plan because his plan is better than mine.
- I won't always love God's plan. But I do need to submit to my God who makes it.

4 Learn to Wait on the Lord

Habakkuk 2:1–3; Lamentations 3:22–26; 2 Peter 3

- I will take my stand at the watch post, I will station myself on the tower, and I will look out to see what he will say to me.
- If it seems slow, wait for it. It will surely come, it will not delay.
- God is faithful. He is just, and he will not lie.
- The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
- Wait for the Lord. What he has promised, he is faithful to.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Cast your life to the God who loves that deeply. Trust in the God who shows grace that profusely. Submit to Him, the only one who can show you mercy worthy of eternal life.**

MY NOTES