

When You Object to God's Sovereign Activity

Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

Main Point:

When you object to God's sovereign activity, hold on to the truth, honestly pray, and humbly submit.

1. You will object to God's sovereign activity at times.

2. In these times, hold on tightly to the truth about God.

3. In these times, honestly bring your questions to God.

4. In these times, humbly submit to the wisdom of God.

Walter Chantry "Not a native godly prophet, effective in preaching, but a pitiless, savage army from afar would correct God's unfaithful people."

Rodger Crooks "What God had told him had raised more questions than it answered, and once more Habakkuk's problem is not with people but with God."

Jeremiah 3:11 11 Then the LORD said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. (NKJV)

John Currid "To Habakkuk, there is a disconnection between his understanding of who God is and how he is acting."

Psalms 5:4-6 4 For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. (NKJV)

2 Timothy 2:13 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. (NKJV)

Martyn Lloyd-Jones "We must first remind ourselves of those things of which we are absolutely certain, things which are entirely beyond doubt. Write them down and say to yourself: 'In this terrible and perplexing situation in which I find myself, here at least is solid ground.'"

John Currid "Throughout this entire first chapter, Habakkuk is wrestling in prayer with God regarding these deep, rich theological matters. He is striving with God to understand how God works in the earth."

Martyn Lloyd-Jones "Nothing so shows the character of our faith as our conduct and attitude after we have prayed. The men of faith not only prayed, but they expected answers."

Romans 11:33 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! (NKJV)

Joseph Caryl "Some of God's actions are above reason, but none are without reason."

Ecclesiastes 5:2 2 Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. (NKJV)

The Valley of Vision "And if thou bidst me decide for myself in any affair, I would choose to refer all to thee, for thou art infinitely wise and cannot do amiss, as I am in danger of doing."

Matthew 26:39 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*." (NKJV)

Rodger Crooks "If we can trust God with the most important matter of all, namely our eternal destiny, surely we can trust him with the lesser affairs of our lives."