

# The Prophets: Modern Lessons, Ancient Voices

Habakkuk: Trusting In the Midst of Evil

## Chapter 1: Habakkuk's Initial Complaint

- <sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?
- <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.
- <sup>4</sup> So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

How does our understanding of evil impact what we understand about God or how we trust God?

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## Habakkuk Chapter 3: Response

- <sup>16</sup> I hear, and my body trembles;  
my lips quiver at the sound;  
rottenness enters into my bones;  
my legs tremble beneath me.  
Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble  
to come upon people who invade us.
- <sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
<sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
- <sup>19</sup> GOD, the Lord, is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the deer's;  
he makes me tread on my high places.

## Model for Prayer

1. Cry out to God, acknowledging \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Remember a \_\_\_\_\_, allow that to reorient you.
3. Respond in \_\_\_\_\_, living out that truth in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_.