

When God Seems Unfair: Wrestling with God

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. "Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honour. Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like an eagle swooping to devour; they all come intent on violence. ... LORD, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, LORD, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish. Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?" **Habakkuk 1:1-9; 12-14 (NIV)**

Learn

- A time to _____
Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. **Psalm 61:1 (NIV)**
Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. **Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)**

- A time to _____
I will listen to what God the LORD says. **Psalm 85:8 (NIV)**

- A time for _____

He answered their prayers, because they trusted in him.
1 Chronicles 5:20 (NIV)

- A time to _____

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. **Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)**

- A time for _____

The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished. **Proverbs 16:5 (NIV)**

God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble." **James 4: 6 (NIV)**
(Proverbs 3:34)

- A time to _____

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

Additional Notes: