# HABAKKUK SERIES PROBLEMS OR POSSIBILITIES - PART 1 OF 4

# THREE REASONS HABAKKUK MATTERS

- 1. HABAKKUK HELPS BRING BALANCE TO UNBIBLICAL VIEWS OF GOD
- 2. HABAKKUK DEALS WITH SOME VERY WEIGHTY ISSUES
- 3. Habakkuk helps us understand how God works

**BIG IDEA: PROBLEMS BECOME POSSIBILITIES!** 

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#### BACKGROUND ON HABAKKUK

- 1. WHO WAS HABAKKUK?
- 2. WHEN DID HE WRITE THE BOOK?
- 3. WHY DID HABAKKUK WRITE THIS BOOK?
  - It's a wake up call to pending judgment
  - It's a call to repentance and returning to God

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## • It's a call to endure in difficult times

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. **Hab. 3:17-18** 

**Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego:** If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up. **Daniel 3:17-18 (ESV)** 

**Writer of Hebrews:** Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith. **Hebrews 10:35-38 (ESV)** 

## • It's a call to remind us that God is sovereign

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. **Hab. 2:20**