

DOES GOD CARE?
HABAKKUK SERIES – PART 2 OF 4

TEXT: Habakkuk 1:1-11

“Does God care?” The short answer is – **YES, GOD CARES!**

I. WHY DO WE SOMETIMES THINK THAT GOD DOES NOT CARE? (1:2-4)

A. WE PRAY BUT DO NOT SEE GOD’S ANSWER RIGHT AWAY

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? **Hab. 1:2 (ESV)**

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I have sorrow in my heart? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God. **Psalms 13:1-3 (ESV)**

B. WE SEE THE WICKED TRIUMPHING OVER THE RIGHTEOUS

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. **Hab. 1:3 (ESV)**

So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. **Hab. 1:4 (ESV)**

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! **Isa. 5:20 (ESV)**

II. SO, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT GOD CARES?

A. FIRSTLY, GOD ASSURES US THAT HE HEARS OUR EVERY PRAYER

Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. **Hab. 1:5 (ESV)**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your way and my thoughts than your thoughts.
Isa. 55:8-9 (ESV)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. **1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)**

B. SECONDLY, GOD PROMISES US THAT HE WILL DELIVER US IN HIS TIME

For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans (*Babylonians*), that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. **Hab. 1:6 (ESV)**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. **Psa. 34:19 (ESV)**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. **1 Pet. 5:10 (ESV)**

C. THIRDLY, GOD AFFIRMS THAT HE WILL JUDGE ALL EVIL IN THE WORLD

I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. **Ecc. 3:17 (ESV)**

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **2 Pet. 3:9 (ESV)**