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TOUGH QUESTIONS FOR TROUBLED TIMES



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Sovereignty's Surprise

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Habakkuk 1:5-11 (ESV)

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.

⁶ For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march

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Habakkuk 1:5-11 (ESV)

through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷ They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. ⁸ Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press

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proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar;
they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

⁹ They all come for violence, all their faces
forward. They gather captives like sand. ¹⁰ At
kings they scoff, and at rulers they
laugh. They laugh at every fortress,

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for they pile up earth and take it. ¹¹ Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!”

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**Babylon will be God's instrument
of judgment.**

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God providentially works out all things to his ends.

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Psalm 33:11 (ESV)

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

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Psalms 135:5-7 (ESV)

For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. ⁶ Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps. ⁷ He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who

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Psalms 135:5-7 (ESV)

**makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth
the wind from his storehouses.**

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Isaiah 46:10 (ESV)

declaring the end from the beginning and
from ancient times things not yet
done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I
will accomplish all my purpose,'

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Daniel 4:34b-35 (ESV)

for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; ³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the

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Daniel 4:34b-35 (ESV)

inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay
his hand or say to him, “What have you
done?”

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Psalm 139:13-16 (ESV)

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not

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hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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Matt 10:28:31 (ESV)

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from

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Matt 10:28:31 (ESV)

your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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Irenaeus, God “...exercises a providence over all things, and arranges the affairs of our world.”

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Origen, “Of those events that happen to men, none occur by accident or chance, but in accordance with a plan so carefully considered, and so stupendous, that it does not overlook even the number of hairs on a person’s head...”

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Aquinas “...all things that exist in whatever manner are necessarily directed by God towards some end.”

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John Calvin, God “...directs everything by his incomprehensible wisdom and disposes it to his own end...without certainty about God’s providence life would be unbearable.”

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Belgic Confession, “We believe that...nothing happens in this world without His appointment.”

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Heidelberg Catechism, “We believe that he not only created all things, but that he governs and directs them, disposing and ordaining by his sovereign will all that happens in the world” ... “The almighty and everywhere present

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power of God; whereby, as it were by his hand, he upholds and governs heaven, earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and

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poverty, yea, and all things come, not by chance, but be his fatherly hand.”

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1689 London Baptist Confession, “GOD, the good *Creator* of all things, in *his* infinite power, and wisdom, doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all Creatures, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by *his* most wise and

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holy providence, to the end for the which they were *Created*; according unto his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable Council of *his* own will; to the praise of the glory of *his* wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness and mercy.”

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Gospel Coalition Confessional Statement, “Immortal and eternal, he perfectly and exhaustively knows the end from the beginning, sustains and sovereignly rules over all things, and providentially brings about his eternal

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good purposes to redeem a people for himself and restore his fallen creation, to the praise of his glorious grace.”

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Reactions

- **Objection – God, that’s not just!**
- **Comfort and trust**
- **Rejoice in the gospel**

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Acts 2:23-24 ESV

this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

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Romans 11:33-36 ESV

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or

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Romans 11:33-36 ESV

who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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