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TOUGH QUESTIONS FOR TROUBLED TIMES



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Shocked and Waiting

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Habakkuk 1:12-2:1 (ESV)

Are you not from everlasting, O Lord my God,
my Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, you
have ordained them as a judgment, and you,
O Rock, have established them for reproof.

¹³ You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly

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look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he? ¹⁴ You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler. ¹⁵ He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net;

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he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad. ¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich. ¹⁷ Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?

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Habakkuk 1:12-2:1 (ESV)

**2 I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower, and look out
to see what he will say to me, and what I will
answer concerning my complaint.**

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Habakkuk is shocked by God's reply, yet waits on another reply to his concerns.

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Assurance of God's Character
Stabilizes

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Psalm 90:2 (ESV)

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or
ever you had formed the earth and the
world, from everlasting to everlasting you are
God.**

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1 John 1:5-6 (ESV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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James 1:13-14 (ESV)

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

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Deuteronomy 32:4 (ESV)

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

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Assumptions about God's
Actions Confound

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“Instead, therefore, of being surprised that there are things in God’s government which are inscrutable to us, we should have reason for surprise if it were otherwise.” John Dagg

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“We must not only feel the hand of God in our affliction, but we must realise that it has been laid on us with design. We have to do, not so much with our Father’s hand as with our Father’s heart.” John Dagg

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2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Micah 5:2 (ESV)

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

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