

# Habakkuk

Trusting God  
when you don't understand Him

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## Introduction

As I write this, in late 2021,  
the church and our society are going through divisive times.

I am feeling that division keenly and personally.  
More than at any other period in my 70+ years,  
I have sharp differences of opinion  
with many of my brothers and sisters in Christ.

These differences cause me pain.  
The situation reminds me of Acts 15:36-40.  
Paul and Barnabas had shared all the triumphs and hard times  
of the first missionary journey.

But when it came time for the second journey,  
they disagreed on whether to take Mark with them,  
who had quit midway through their first journey.

Their disagreement was so sharp that  
these old partners separated,  
each taking new partners and going their own way.

I am not at that separation point,  
but the differences are sharp and discomforting.

Specifically, I disagree with many believers on  
what God is doing in our world right now and  
what part He wants us to play in all this.

Our differences have caused me to wrestle with God's ways  
in a desire to know Him better.

And in this wrestling, He has directed me back to the little book of Habakkuk.

Habakkuk also wrestled with what God was doing in the world.

He trusted God enough to  
engage Him in honest, open dialog.

Habakkuk asked the hard questions,  
then waited for answers.

That dialog led him into a faith that was  
deeper,  
stronger, and  
more joyful.

Come...join Habakkuk on his journey of faith.

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## Inscrutable God

Unsearchable...  
mysterious...  
unfathomable...  
beyond investigation or scrutiny –  
He is the  
    inscrutable God.

No human effort can  
    search Him out or  
    penetrate His mystery.  
But He longs to be fully known by  
    those He created from Himself.  
He works tirelessly to reveal Himself  
    clearly and completely.

As we actively trust Him,  
    we come to know Him.  
But trusting and knowing God  
    are a gradual, growing process.  
Our immature faith,  
    our lingering self-centeredness,  
    our smallness and  
        fearfulness  
sometimes blind us to His  
    goodness and  
    rightness.

When we don't understand what God is  
    doing or not doing,  
know that it is because  
His wisdom and  
    power and  
    love  
are greater than we can possibly comprehend.  
We can find perfect peace in  
    trusting Him,  
    even when we don't understand Him.

**Hymn recording: [Inscrutable God](#)**

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# Inscrutable God

Deuteronomy 29:29; Isaiah 55:8-9; Ephesians 3:8;  
1 Timothy 6:15-16; 1 John 1:5

♩ = 52

Unison

Dm Am<sup>7</sup> Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Dm  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  Gm Gm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  B $\flat$ M<sup>7</sup>

1. In - scrut - a - ble God, Our tho'ts are small; Your ways, so high, so  
2. Mys - ter - i - ous God, The One we trust But can - not un - der -  
3. O Unchang-ing God, Your pow - er spoke The world we touch and

D<sup>sus</sup><sub>A</sub>  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Am<sup>7</sup> Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Dm D<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  Gm E B $\flat$ M<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$

far. Un - search - a - ble God, In fear's dark night You seem a dis - tant  
stand; O Love Be - yond Words, Pure good - ness guides Your wise, al - might - y  
see. And Fa - ther, we know Pure love has planned The world that soon will

C<sup>sus</sup> C B $\flat$  Dm  $\frac{F}{A}$  Am Gm Gm<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{Gm^7}{B\flat}$

star, But faith still sees a glo - rious sun A - blaze with all You  
hand. You speak, and all the heav - ens rain The rich - es You com -  
be. We wait to see in morn-ing's light This pres - ent mys - ter -

A<sup>sus</sup>  $\frac{A^s}{E}$  Am  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Am<sup>7</sup> Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  B $\flat$  Am Dm  $\frac{Dm}{A}$  Dm

are, O Ra - di - ant God! Mag - ni - fi - cent God!  
mand, Mag - ni - fi - cent God! In - scrut - a - ble God!  
y, Mag - ni - fi - cent God! In - scrut - a - ble God!

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INSCRUTABLE GOD  
5.4.6.5.4.6.8.6.5.5.

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## Keep Your Eyes on God's Love

All-wise Creator,  
loving Father,  
You do not cause the many  
horrendous events that plague  
our individual lives and  
our troubled race.  
Death was never Your will for us.  
We separated ourselves from You,  
the only source of life.  
Death is our doing,  
not Yours.

Yet for all those who trust You,  
You gently, faithfully lead us through  
our worst nightmares,  
even the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4).  
You are always true to Your promise:  
You work all things for good  
for those who love and trust You (Romans 8:28).  
You redeem even our  
deepest griefs and  
most profound losses  
to bless Your people.

But Your ways are  
more subtle,  
more nuanced,  
more intricate  
than our frantic and simplistic prayers –  
“Lord, do it all, and  
do it RIGHT NOW!”  
You work and wait to do everything  
in exactly the right way  
at exactly the right time.

There is no substitute for  
simply  
trusting  
You,  
no matter what.

Loving Father, we gladly leave  
Your work in  
Your hands to happen in  
Your time.

**Hymn recording: [A Hymn for Loss and Disappointment](#)**

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# A Hymn for Loss and Disappointment

TUNE: Amazing Grace (repeat the last phrase of the music)

Isaiah 55:8-9; Habakkuk; Matthew 6:9-10; Romans 8:28

♩ = 84

Unison G G/D G Bm Bm F# Bm7 C C/E A/m F# G G/F#

1. Your ways are not our ways, O God, Your  
 2. We bow be - fore You, Sov - 'reign God. Our  
 3. Our hopes and plans will dis - ap - point And  
 4. Lord, You re - deem each grief and loss And

Em E/m B Em A9 A9/E A D sus D sus A D G G G/D G

thoughts, for - ev - er true. Your time is  
 hearts at last are still. The root and  
 pleas - ant streams run dry, But You are  
 draw our hearts a - bove. There all will

G/B G/F# C C/B Am7 D sus D D/F# Em E/m F# G/D D#°7

al - ways per - fect, Lord. We hum - bly trust in  
 fruit of prayer are this: We on - ly want Your  
 rich, un - chang - ing joy, A con - stant, sweet sup -  
 show and shout and sing That You are al - ways

Em E/m D A7 C# D Em E/m F# G/D D7 G G/D G

You. We rest and wait on You.  
 will. We sim - ply want Your will.  
 ply, Our ev - 'ry - day sup - ply.  
 love, For - ev - er per - fect love.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arr. by Ken Bible

AMAZING GRACE 2

8.6.8.6.6.

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## **Habakkuk 1:1-4**

(NASB)

The pronouncement which Habakkuk the prophet saw:

How long, Lord, have I called for help,  
And You do not hear?  
I cry out to You, "Violence!"  
Yet You do not save.  
Why do You make me see disaster,  
And make me look at destitution?  
Yes, devastation and violence are before me;  
Strife exists and contention arises.  
Therefore the Law is ignored,  
And justice is never upheld.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
Therefore justice comes out confused.

## Reflection on Habakkuk 1:1-4

How long, Lord?  
You see our situation, and  
    we cry out to You for Your help.  
But we see no evidence that You are  
    listening or  
    doing anything.

Why, Lord?  
You are holy,  
    completely pure, and  
You say You want us to be holy.  
But we are immersed in evil!  
Destruction,  
violence,  
arguing and fighting on every level,  
    from personal relationships  
    to nation against nation.  
This strife is always with us,  
    day after day,  
    everywhere we look, and  
nothing  
ever  
changes.  
You are holy, and  
    You want us to be holy, so  
why, Lord?  
Why?

Truth,  
light,  
justice,  
goodness  
    are completely ignored.  
    It's like they don't exist.  
Evil routinely abuses the good,  
    often with no consequences.  
The only version of "justice" we ever get is  
    twisted to serve someone's  
        ignorance and  
        selfishness.

Why, Lord?  
How long do we have to wait?

**Hymn recording:** [Watch and Wait](#)

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# Watch and Wait

Inspired by Habakkuk 1:5-11  
with Matthew 24:42-51

♩ = 80

C<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> C<sub>m</sub> F<sup>o</sup> C<sub>m</sub> G C<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> G sus G<sub>D</sub><sup>sus</sup> G

1. "I am He, God Al - might - y. Look to Me and rest.  
2. "Like a flood, all - en - gulf - ing, Swirl - ing all a - round,  
3. "Watch and wait, lov - ing, prais - ing, Serv - ing to the end.

C<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> C<sub>m</sub> F<sup>o</sup> C<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub> B<sub>b</sub> sus B<sub>b</sub> sus F B<sub>b</sub> B<sub>b</sub><sup>6</sup>

I am love; I am wis - dom. I will give what's best.  
E - vil roars; e - vil threat - ens Fear and pain pro - found.  
Soon the dawn - light and won - der None can com - pre - hend.

C<sub>m</sub> G<sub>m</sub> E<sub>b</sub> F<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> C<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> F<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> G sus G<sub>D</sub><sup>sus</sup> G G<sub>F</sub>

Trust My time. Trust My heart. Watch My will un - fold.  
Lift your hearts! Raise your eyes! See what soon will be:  
Share My joy! Breathe My peace! Faith will show you how.

C<sub>m</sub> E<sub>b</sub> C<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m</sub> B<sub>b</sub> F<sub>m</sub> A<sub>b</sub> F<sub>m</sub> D C<sub>m</sub> E<sub>b</sub> G<sup>7</sup> sus G sus G C<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m</sub> G C<sub>m</sub>

Af - ter night, day is bring - ing Glo - ries yet un - told!  
Life from death, good from e - vil. Bold - ly wait on Me.  
I am life, strength, and bless - ing Thro' this here and now!"

WORDS: Ken Bible  
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## **Habakkuk 1:5-11**

(NASB)

“Look among the nations! Watch!  
Be horrified! Be frightened speechless!  
For I am accomplishing a work in your days—  
You would not believe it even if you were told!  
For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,  
That grim and impetuous people  
Who march throughout the earth,  
To take possession of dwelling places that are not theirs.  
They are terrifying and feared;  
Their justice and authority originate with themselves.  
Their horses are faster than leopards,  
And quicker than wolves in the evening.  
Their horsemen charge along,  
Their horsemen come from afar;  
They fly like an eagle swooping down to devour.  
All of them come for violence.  
Their horde of faces moves forward.  
They gather captives like sand.  
They make fun of kings,  
And dignitaries are an object of laughter to them.  
They laugh at every fortress,  
Then heap up dirt and capture it.  
Then they fly along like the wind and pass on.  
But they will be held guilty,  
They whose strength is their god.”

## Reflection on Habakkuk 1:5-11

Skilled crafts people know that  
to get a job done right, you need  
the right tool.

God always uses the right tool.

For some tasks, a pure vessel is the right tool.

For some, an impure vessel.

*Now in a large house there are  
not only gold and silver implements,  
but also implements of wood and of earthenware, and  
some are for honor while others are for dishonor. (2 Timothy 2:20, NASB)*

In each situation, God deals with people as they allow Him:

*To the faithful you show yourself faithful,  
to the blameless you show yourself blameless,  
to the pure you show yourself pure,  
but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. (Psalm 18:25-26, NIV)*

For example, read 2 Chronicles 18:18-22.

When God promised David that  
his descendants would rule on the throne forever, He said:

*I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me;  
when he does wrong, I will discipline him  
with a rod of men. (2 Samuel 7:14, NASB)*

Habakkuk 1:5-11 is one example of such discipline.

Judah's persistent sinning had left God with no choice but  
to severely chastise them.

So in Habakkuk 1:5-11, God went into great detail to explain that  
the vicious Babylonians were  
the right tool for such discipline.

But God promised that justice would fall on the wicked Babylonians as well.

*They will be held guilty (Habakkuk 1:11; see also Habakkuk 2).*

Only a few years later, they would be conquered by the Persians.

Our God – holy, mysterious, and inscrutable –  
uses evil against itself  
to bring about good.

**Hymn recording: [Psalm 93](#)**

# Psalm 93

♩ = 76

Chords: Dm, Dm/C, Gm/Bb, A<sup>7</sup> sus, A<sup>7</sup>, F, C/E, C

1. Raise your eyes— faith can see Bound-less might,  
 2. He the King rules a-lone. All that is,  
 3. Cha-os roars, wa-ters rise, An-gry storms  
 4. Ev-'ry joy, pure and true, Ev-'ry good

Chords: Bb/D, Gm<sup>11</sup>/D, A<sup>7</sup> sus, A<sup>7</sup>, Bb, E/A, Bb/D, C<sup>7</sup>/E, Fadd<sup>9</sup>, F

maj-es-ty, Pur-est light, yet mys-ter-y,  
 worlds un-known Stand on His un-shak-en throne.  
 veil the skies. Ev-'ry threat will bow its eyes,  
 we pur-sue, Ev-'ry beau-ty sings of You,

Chords: Gm/Bb, Gm<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, Dm, D sus, Dm, Dm/C, Gm<sup>6</sup>/Bb, Gm<sup>7</sup>/Bb, Am<sup>7</sup>, Dm, Dm/A, Dm

God in all His glo-ry! Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!  
 Un-i-mag-ined glo-ry! Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!  
 Lift-ing high His glo-ry. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!  
 God of end-less glo-ry! Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!

WORDS: Ken Bible  
 MUSIC: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582, and Ken Bible

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## **Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1**

(NASB)

Are You not from time everlasting,  
Lord, my God, my Holy One?  
We will not die.  
You, Lord, have appointed them to deliver judgment;  
And You, O Rock, have destined them to punish.

Your eyes are too pure to look at evil,  
And You cannot look at harm favorably.  
Why do You look favorably  
At those who deal treacherously?  
Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up  
Those more righteous than they?  
Why have You made people like the fish of the sea,  
Like crawling things that have no ruler over them?  
The Chaldeans bring all of them up with a hook,  
Drag them away with their net,  
And gather them together in their fishing net.  
Therefore they rejoice and are joyful.  
Therefore they offer a sacrifice to their net  
And burn incense to their fishing net,  
Because through these things their catch is large,  
And their food is plentiful.  
Will they therefore empty their net,  
And continually slay nations without sparing?

I will stand at my guard post  
And station myself on the watchtower;  
And I will keep watch to see what He will say to me,  
And how I may reply when I am reprimanded.

## Reflection on Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:1

Holy, loving God,  
how can You do it?

How can You use  
vicious,  
treacherous,  
ruthless people

to accomplish Your  
loving,  
holy,  
perfect will?

How can You use  
THEM as tools for  
YOUR purposes?

How can You use  
pure evil  
to bring about  
pure good?

How can You bring  
truth and  
love and  
blessing  
out of any of this?

How, Lord?

## **Habakkuk 2:2-4**

(NASB)

Then the Lord answered me and said,  
“Write down the vision  
And inscribe it clearly on tablets,  
So that one who reads it may run.  
For the vision is yet for the appointed time;  
It hurries toward the goal and it will not fail.  
Though it delays, wait for it;  
For it will certainly come, it will not delay long.

“Behold, as for the impudent one,  
His soul is not right within him;  
But the righteous one will live by his faith.”

**Hymn recording: [Live by Faith](#)**

# Live by Faith

TUNE: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (alt.)  
*Habakkuk 2:2-11*  
*with Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38*

**♩ = 84**  
*Unison*

1. In a world of anx - ious grasp - ing, Live by faith, live by  
 2. When the path a - head is shad - ows, Walk by faith, walk by  
 3. When the winds are all a - gainst you, Stand by faith, stand by

faith; And when tempt - ed to be fear - ful, Live by faith.  
 faith. He is al - ways, al - ways with you- Walk by faith.  
 faith. You are strong in God Al - might - y- Stand by faith.

*Refrain*

Bound-less wis - dom and pow - er, Per - fect love, O what

love! Step by step, sim - ply trust your faith - ful Fa - ther.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
 MUSIC: African-American Spiritual and Ken Bible

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN 2  
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## **Habakkuk 2:5-14**

(NASB)

Furthermore, wine betrays an arrogant man,  
So that he does not achieve his objective.  
He enlarges his appetite like Sheol,  
And he is like death, never satisfied.  
He also gathers to himself all the nations  
And collects to himself all the peoples.

“Will all of these not take up a song of ridicule against him,  
Even a saying and insinuations against him  
And say, ‘Woe to him who increases what is not his—  
For how long—  
And makes himself rich with debts!’  
7 Will your creditors not rise up suddenly,  
And those who collect from you awaken?  
Indeed, you will become plunder for them.  
Since you have looted many nations,  
All the rest of the peoples will loot you—  
Because of human bloodshed and violence done to the land,  
To the town and all its inhabitants.

“Woe to him who makes evil profit for his household,  
To put his nest on high,  
To be saved from the hand of catastrophe!  
You have planned a shameful thing for your house  
By bringing many peoples to an end;  
So you are sinning against yourself.  
For the stone will cry out from the wall,  
And the rafter will answer it from the framework.

“Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed,  
And founds a town with violence!  
Is it not indeed from the Lord of armies  
That peoples labor merely for fire,  
And nations become weary for nothing?  
For the earth will be filled  
With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,  
As the waters cover the sea.”

## Reflection on Habakkuk 2:5-14

*The earth will be filled*

*With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,*

*As the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14, NASB)*

Scriptural context: God will cleanse away all the evil of this world.

*They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,*

*For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord*

*As the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9, NASB)*

Scriptural context: Messiah will come, filled with God's Spirit, and will bring justice and peace to all creation.

Lies and violence,  
lust and greed  
flood the earth.

They are plagues running  
rampant,  
unchecked,  
driven by  
selfishness and fear.

But the Holy Son of  
Almighty God,  
who is  
all power and  
all love,  
the Great Healer,  
the Victor over  
sin and  
death,  
will return to earth  
at the perfect time,  
to finish all that He started.

Then justice,  
the rightness of holy love, and  
peace,  
the absence of all conflict and  
the deep well-being of God Himself,  
will flood this world.  
All creation will be blanketed with a  
rich and

unbounded  
knowing of God.

*Now we see in a mirror dimly,  
but then face to face;  
now I know in part,  
but then I will know fully,  
just as I also have been fully known.  
(1 Corinthians 13:12, NASB)*

And that complete knowing,  
warm,  
intimate, and  
all-encompassing,  
will be life itself,  
eternal life in all its  
joy and fullness.

*This is eternal life,  
that they may know  
You, the only true God, and  
Jesus Christ whom You have sent.  
(John 17:3, NASB)*

Come, Lord Jesus!

**Hymn recording: [Full Knowing](#)**

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# Full Knowing

*Habakkuk 2:5-14*

*with Isaiah 11:1-9; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Hebrews 2:11*

♩ = 60

Unison

G B A<sup>9</sup> C<sup>#</sup> B<sup>7</sup> D<sup>#</sup> E<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup> B A<sup>m</sup> C D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>9</sup> C G G

1. Dark - ness and death, these plagues of our own mak - ing,  
2. Drown - ing in need, we cling to this Your prom - ise:  
3. O what a joy, that rich and bound - less know - ing,

G G B A<sup>m</sup> C G B A<sup>m</sup>7 D<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> D<sup>7</sup>

Curse us with hearts and lives deep - ly wrong.  
Send us Your Son, our Shep - herd, our Lord.  
Fill - ing our souls with love ev - er new,

G D<sup>6</sup> F<sup>#</sup> E<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup> B A<sup>m</sup> C C A<sup>m</sup>7 B<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> B<sup>7</sup>

See all our fear, our self - ish - ness, our blind - ness.  
When He re - turns, Your pres - ence and Your pow - er,  
Flood - ing our hearts and all Your vast cre - a - tion.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) and Ken Bible

MENDELSSOHN OPUS 102 No. 6

11.9.11.5.5.9.

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Em                      Am                      Am<sup>6</sup>                      B<sup>7</sup>                      B<sup>+</sup>    B<sup>7</sup>    Em

C                      C

D<sup>#</sup>

Come,    great Cre - a - tor!    Rise,    might - y Sav - ior!  
 All    will be ho - ly!    All    will be glo - ry!  
 O    glo - rious Fa - ther,    O    Christ our Bro - ther,

Am<sup>7</sup>                      CM<sup>7</sup>                      D<sup>9</sup>                      G                      Em                      Am<sup>7</sup>                      D<sup>13</sup>                      D<sup>7</sup>                      G

D                      B

Fin - ish Your work!    This    wait    is so long!  
 All    will be peace,    Your    E - den re - stored!  
 Full - ness of life    is    You,    on - ly You!

## **Habakkuk 2:15-20**

(NIV)

“Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors,  
pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk,  
so that he can gaze on their naked bodies!  
You will be filled with shame instead of glory.  
Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be exposed!  
The cup from the Lord’s right hand is coming around to you,  
and disgrace will cover your glory.  
The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,  
and your destruction of animals will terrify you.  
For you have shed human blood;  
you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.

“Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman?  
Or an image that teaches lies?  
For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation;  
he makes idols that cannot speak.  
Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’  
Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’  
Can it give guidance?  
It is covered with gold and silver;  
there is no breath in it.”

The Lord is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth be silent before him.

## God Is in His Temple and on His Throne

Father, when life seems hopelessly unjust, You remind us:

*The Lord is in His holy temple.*

*Let all the earth be silent before Him.* (Habakkuk 2:20, NASB)

Your temple reminds us that You are holy –  
perfect in all Your words,

Your actions,

Your wisdom,

Your timing.

Your temple reminds us of Your presence  
with us and  
in us.

We **are** Your temple.

No matter how viciously evil threatens us, Almighty God,  
You never leave us alone.

So even when our world seems so very wrong, we remember:

*The Lord is in His holy temple.*

When our lives fill with problems and turmoil, Father, You remind us:

*The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,*

*And His sovereignty rules over all.* (Psalm 103:19, NASB)

Your throne suggests

Your power,

Your control,

Your unfailing goodness.

You are our stability.

You are our unshakable certainty  
in this sea of change.

You are perfect strength  
in all our weakness.

All reality bows to You, our Savior, our King, our loving Father.

So in this wicked, unstable world, we look to You and remember:

*The Lord is in His holy temple;*

*the Lord's throne is in heaven.* (Psalm 11:4, NASB)

**Hymn recordings:**

[God Is in His Temple](#)

[You Are Holy; I Come in Silence](#)

# God Is in His Temple

Tune: Sing We Now of Christmas (NOEL NOUVELET, alt.)

*Psalms 11:4; 18:6; 22:3; 73:16-17; 103:19; Micah 1:2;*

*Habakkuk 2:20; Isaiah 6:1; 66:1-2; Revelation 4:2*

♩ = 92

1. God is in His tem - ple, Just and ho - ly Lord,  
 2. God is in His tem - ple Tho' the world is wrong-  
 3. Thro' all storm and strug - gle, God is on His throne,

Just be - yond our meas - ure, Right - ness un - ex - plored;  
 Jus - tice ev - er wait - ing, E - vil ev - er strong.  
 Love for - ev - er sov - 'reign, Bless - ing yet un - known.

Ho - ly God tran - scend - ent, Wis - dom high a - bove,  
 Wait His per - fect tim - ing - Ev - 'ry knee will bow.  
 God is al - ways with us, Good in all His ways,

Ev - er, on - ly jus - tice, Ev - er, on - ly love.  
 As we dai - ly trust Him, Peace is here and now.  
 Tem - pled in His peo - ple, Throned in grate - ful praise.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional French Carol (15th c.) and Ken Bible

NOEL NOUVELET 2  
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# You Are Holy; I Come in Silence

*Habakkuk 2:20*

♩ = 96

$\frac{G\flat}{A\flat}$   $A\flat7$   $\frac{G\flat}{D\flat}$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $\frac{A\flat7}{D\flat}$   $\frac{G\flat}{D\flat}$   $\frac{G\flat}{A\flat}$   $A\flat7$   $A\flat7$   $A\flat13$

You are ho - ly; I come in si - lence. You are

$E\flat$ sus  $E\flat m7$   $\frac{G\flat}{A\flat}$   $A\flat$   $\frac{G\flat}{A\flat}$   $A\flat$   $D\flat$   $G\flat M7$   $D\flat$ sus  $D\flat$   $G\flat$

wise, Lord; I come to hear. You are God; I

$F$   $G m11$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{G}$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $B\flat m$   $\frac{A\flat}{G\flat}$   $G\flat$   $\frac{D\flat add9}{A\flat}$   $\frac{D\flat}{A\flat}$   $\frac{D\flat}{F}$   $E\flat$ sus  $\frac{G\flat}{A\flat}$   $A\flat7$

come to o - bey You. You are love; I come to draw

$D\flat$   $\frac{A\flat7}{E\flat}$   $\frac{D\flat}{F}$   $G\flat$   $\frac{D\flat}{A\flat}$   $\frac{D\flat}{F}$   $E\flat$ sus  $\frac{G\flat}{A\flat}$   $A\flat7$   $D\flat$ sus  $D\flat$

near. You are love; I come to draw near.

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YOU ARE HOLY  
Irregular

## **Habakkuk 3:1-15**

(NASB)

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

Lord, I have heard the report about You, and I was afraid.  
Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years,  
In the midst of the years make it known.  
In anger remember mercy.

God comes from Teman,  
And the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah  
His splendor covers the heavens,  
And the earth is full of His praise.  
His radiance is like the sunlight;  
He has rays flashing from His hand,  
And the hiding of His might is there.  
Before Him goes plague,  
And plague comes forth after Him.  
He stood and caused the earth to shudder;  
He looked and caused the nations to jump.  
Yes, the everlasting mountains were shattered,  
The ancient hills collapsed.  
His paths are everlasting.  
I saw the tents of Cushan under distress,  
The tent curtains of the land of Midian were trembling.

Did the Lord rage against the rivers,  
Or was Your anger against the rivers,  
Or was Your rage against the sea,  
That You rode on Your horses,  
On Your chariots of salvation?  
You removed Your bow from its holder,  
The arrows of Your word were sworn. Selah  
You divided the earth with rivers.  
The mountains saw You and quaked;  
The downpour of waters swept by.  
The deep raised its voice,  
It lifted high its hands.  
Sun and moon stood in their lofty places;  
They went away at the light of Your arrows,  
At the radiance of Your flashing spear.  
In indignation You marched through the earth;

In anger You trampled the nations.  
You went forth for the salvation of Your people,  
For the salvation of Your anointed.  
You smashed the head of the house of evil  
To uncover him from foot to neck. Selah  
You pierced with his own arrows  
The head of his leaders.  
They stormed in to scatter us;  
Their arrogance was like those  
Who devour the oppressed in secret.  
You trampled on the sea with Your horses,  
On the foam of many waters.

## Reflection on Habakkuk 3:1-15

Almighty God,  
I am a speck of dust compared to the  
mighty elements of Your creation –  
    the mountains,  
    the oceans,  
    the uncharted vastness of space.  
And all this sprawling creation is merely  
    the fringes of Your robe.  
Its majestic symphony is only  
    a faint whisper of You (Job 26:14).  
You are awesome beyond my comprehension,  
    wise beyond my understanding,  
    magnificent beyond any earthly comparison, and  
    infinite in time,  
        in mystery, and  
        in goodness.

What's more, You are not confined to  
    theories,  
    books, and  
    imaginations.  
You are  
    living,  
    active, and  
    powerful,  
sovereign in all  
    time and space,  
the central player on the  
    stage of history.  
You conceive,  
    You plan,  
    You work  
    on behalf of those who trust You.

I cannot grasp You  
    or explain You, and  
I dare not limit You to  
    my small, self-centered viewpoint.  
I stand, I bow in  
    awe of You!  
I simply, humbly believe that



You will always be who You have always been,  
You will always do what You have always done, and  
You will finish all You have started.

Day by day,  
    in darkness and in light,  
I confess that You are  
    Almighty God.

I look to You.  
I wait on You.  
I long for You.  
I hope in You.

**Hymn recording: [I Look to You](#)**

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# I Look to You

*Psalm 25:1-5; 27:14; 33:20-22; 39:7; 130:5-7; 145:15;  
John 15:11; 17:13; 2 Peter 3:3-15a*

**♩ = 56**      *Refrain Unison*       $A\flat$        $A\flat$   $G$        $Fm$        $E\flat$   $E\flat$        $E\flat$   $D\flat$        $E\flat$        $C\flat$   $E\flat$       4th time to Coda  $\oplus$

I look to You. I wait on You. I long for You. I

hope in You. I hope in You. 1. My Sov-'reign, my Fa-ther, My  
2. Pure beau-ty like sun-light, but

Sav-ior, my breath, The joy that's full in sor-row and Grows  
bright-er by far- I drink Your rich re-al-i-ty And

full-er still in death! hope in You.  
feast on all You are.

D.C.  $\oplus$  CODA       $A\flat$   $A\flat$   $E\flat$   $A\flat$

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WAIT EXPECTANTLY  
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## **Habakkuk 3:16-19**

(NASB)

I heard, and my inner parts trembled;  
At the sound, my lips quivered.  
Decay enters my bones,  
And in my place I tremble;  
Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress,  
For the people to arise who will attack us.

Even if the fig tree does not blossom,  
And there is no fruit on the vines,  
If the yield of the olive fails,  
And the fields produce no food,  
Even if the flock disappears from the fold,  
And there are no cattle in the stalls,  
Yet I will triumph in the Lord,  
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.  
The Lord God is my strength,  
And He has made my feet like deer's feet,  
And has me walk on my high places.

For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

## Reflection on Habakkuk 3:16-19

Almighty God,  
as I begin to see You for  
    all You are,  
I bow here with  
    a quiet spirit and  
    a smiling heart,  
patiently waiting  
    Your will in  
    Your time

I begin to trust You  
    because I know Your heart,  
    even when I don't fully understand Your actions.

I begin to realize that  
    my joy  
is not dependent on  
    my circumstance.  
I can always be joyful because You are  
    always God,  
    always here,  
    always the same, and  
    always, always, always  
        right and  
        good.

I want my circumstances and  
    this entire world  
to be right as well, Lord,  
    and I know they will be.  
    You have promised to make them right!  
But for now,  
I live in  
    joy and  
    settled peace  
as I live and trust in  
    You.

Hymn recording: [Joy in You](#)

# Joy in You

*Habakkuk 3:16-19  
with 1 Thessalonians 5:16; James 1:17*

♩ = 69

Unison C

$\frac{C \text{ sus}}{E}$

$\frac{C}{E}$

$\frac{F}{A}$

G

Cadd<sup>9</sup>

C

$\frac{C}{E}$

F

$\frac{C}{E}$

1. Life is a strug - gle; You are peace. In ev - 'ry weak - ness,  
2. O Per-fect Wis - dom, here I wait. Al - might-y Pow - er,

Dm<sup>7</sup>

Dm<sup>6</sup>

G sus

$\frac{G}{F}$

$\frac{C}{E}$

$\frac{G^7}{D}$

$\frac{C \text{ sus}}{D}$

Cadd<sup>9</sup>

$\frac{C}{E}$

F

$\frac{C}{E}$

Dm<sup>7</sup>

$\frac{Dm^7}{F}$

You are strength. Plea - sures will fail and sea - sons change;  
here I rest. You are my Fa - ther, I, Your child.

$\frac{C}{G}$

$\frac{C}{E}$

F<sup>6</sup>

$\frac{Cadd^9}{E}$

$\frac{C}{E}$

F

Dm<sup>7</sup>

$\frac{C}{G}$

$\frac{F}{G}$

1

$\frac{C}{G}$

C

You are al - ways good, Lord. I re - joice in You!  
You are al - ways love, Lord. Life is joy in

2

A<sup>m</sup>

$\frac{Am}{G}$

$\frac{D^7}{F\#}$

$\frac{C}{G}$

$\frac{F}{G}$

C

$\frac{C}{G}$

C

C

You! Life is joy in You!

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JOY IN YOU 8.8.8.6.5.

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## Do What Pleases You

Father, sovereign Creator,  
Source, Sustainer, and  
Ruler of all that is,  
Your power is unlimited.  
You are in command of all reality.  
You do whatever pleases You.

And since You are perfect wisdom and  
perfect love,  
all You do is perfect,  
right, and  
good.

O Father, what a comfort!  
In all my weakness and  
all my ignorance,  
with all my wavering motives,  
I dare not trust myself.  
But I know that You will always act in  
perfect wisdom and  
perfect love.

Father, I praise You!  
I trust You!  
Be Lord of All in every aspect of my life!  
Do whatever pleases You!

*Father, in so much of my life  
I feel I am flying blind.  
I cannot see the future.  
I cannot know what is best.  
But to the extent that I walk in Your Spirit,  
I am guided by Your love and wisdom, and  
I am enabled by Your power.*

Hymn recording: [My Father, Do What Pleases You](#)

# My Father, Do What Pleases You

*Psalms 33:11; 62:11-12; 115:3; 135:6; 147:5; Isaiah 46:8-10;  
Daniel 4:35; Matthew 6:9-10; 26:42; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38*

♩ = 66

*Unison*

F                      F/A                      B♭6                      F6/A

1. I am weak, so brief and small. You are  
2. God all-knowing and all-wise, I'm an  
3. With a heart of holy fire, All our  
4. Since Your holy, human Son Lived and

Gm                      C7                      F                      F/E                      B♭/D                      Am                      F

God, Great All-in-all. Ev-'ry plan You fol-low  
in-fant in Your eyes. All Your thoughts are right and  
best is Your de-sire. Per-fect love each morn-ing  
prayed, "Your will be done," On-ly this will I pur-

Gm7                      B♭                      F/C                      B♭M7/C                      C7                      F sus                      F

through. Your pow-er does what pleas-es You.  
true. In wis-dom do what pleas-es You!  
new, O sim-ply do what pleas-es You!  
sue: My Fa-ther, do what pleas-es You!

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MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835, and Ken Bible

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