

**WCBC SERMON NOTES - JUNE 10, 2018**

**TOPIC:** *The Problem of Evil & Suffering!*

**TEXT:** Habakkuk 1:1-11

**INTRO:**

- Atheists' Argument on The Problem of Evil & Suffering!

**I. HABAKKUK'S QUESTIONS: Chapter 1**

Note: In this chapter, Habakkuk has a couple of questions for God:

1. Why is God silent and inactive? 1:1-4  
Note: He looked out across the world of that day and saw violence, injustice, strife, and conflict! - vv.2-4
2. How can God use such a sinful nation (Babylon) for a holy cause? 1:12-17
  - Who are the Babylonians?
  - Toronto Tragedy!

**II. HABAKKUK'S VIGILANCE: Chapter 2**

Note: God gave Habakkuk three wonderful assurances to strengthen and encourage him in spite of what's going on around him:

1. *"The righteous will live by faith!"* - 2:4 cf. II Cor. 5:7
2. *"The earth will be filled with God's glory!"* - 2:14
3. *"The Lord is in His holy temple!"* - 2:20

**III. HABAKKUK'S WORSHIP: Chapter 3**

Note: Habakkuk's doubts have turned into worship!

1. He prays - 3:2 cf. 1:5
2. He ponders - 3:3-16
3. He praises - 3:17-19

**CONCLUSION:** Hopelessness & Helplessness!

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**Fast Feet (Habakkuk 3:19)**

While in Chile for a Bible Conference, I was resting at the hotel when a rugby match came on the television. Though I don't fully understand rugby, I enjoy it and admire the courage it takes to play such a dangerous sport. During the match, one of the French players was injured and had to be taken to the sidelines. As the trainers attended to him, the camera showed a close-up of his shoes. With a black marker the player had written the words: "Habakkuk 3:19" and "Jesus is the way." Those expressions of faith and hope were a strong testimony of that young athlete's priorities and values. The verse cited on that player's shoes is not just one of heavenly hope and persevering faith. It is one of practical value - especially to an athlete dependent on speed for success. It says, *"The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on high places."* In all of life, we need the strength and supply of our God. He alone can give us "feet" that are swift and strong! - Bill Crowder

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**Verse For Today**

**Isaiah 55:8-9:** **v. 8** - *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.* **v. 9** - *"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts!"*

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**Food For Thought**

"God is too good to be unjust; He is too wise to commit a mistake!" - Dr. Gavino S. Tica

