

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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**Faith Over Fear #2
When God is silent
Habakkuk 1:1-11**

"How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted." Habakkuk 1:2-4 NIV

"Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own." Habakkuk 1:5-6 NIV

WHEN GOD'S ACTIONS SEEM CONFUSING:

1. We are confused when God seems _____.

"How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?" Habakkuk 1:2 NIV

2. We are confused when God gives unexpected _____.

"I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own." Habakkuk 1:6 NIV

3. We are confused when God uses unusual _____.

"I am raising up the Babylonians." Habakkuk 1:6 NIV

WHEN GOD'S ACTIONS ARE MISUNDERSTOOD:

1. God's actions are misunderstood by careless _____.

"Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5 NIV

"Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man for ever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."" Genesis 6:3 NIV

“Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses. Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you: ‘Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.’” Acts 13:38-41 NIV

2. God’s actions are misunderstood by the _____.

“Then they sweep past like the wind and go on— guilty men, whose own strength is their god.” Habakkuk 1:11 NIV

WHEN GOD’S ACTIONS ARE UNDERSTOOD:

1. History is under divine _____.

“I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people.” Habakkuk 1:6 NIV

“Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.” Isaiah 40:17 NIV

2. History follows a divine _____.

“Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he alone has all wisdom and power. He determines the course of world events; he removes kings and sets others on the throne. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he himself is surrounded by light.” Daniel 2:20-22 NLT

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” Galatians 4:4-5 NIV

“God works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.” Ephesians 1:11 NIV

3. History is bound up with the divine _____.

‘This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’” Matthew 6:9-10 NIV

“Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”” Mark 1:14-15 NIV

“Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.” 1 Corinthians 15:24 NIV

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:14 NIV



1. How do you view history? Is God involved in the affairs of humanity? Discuss your view and maybe try and give some examples.
2. Based on what Pastor Phill said in the message, how would you summarise the Bible’s world view and how would you explain that to an unbeliever?
3. Read Habakkuk 1:2-4. What was Habakkuk’s problem with God?
4. Why are we often confused when God seems silent?
5. Read Habakkuk 1:5-6. Habakkuk had a hard time understanding and accepting Gods answer. Why do we struggle with Gods answer to our prayers if it’s not what we thought should be the answer? Give a personal example of this.
6. God sometimes uses unusual ways when he acts. Have you had any personal examples of this in that God worked in your life in an unusual way, but afterwards you could clearly see that it was for your benefit, even if at the time you didn’t understand?
7. How does understanding and accepting the sovereignty of God help us understand world situations as well as circumstances in our own lives?
8. Read Matthew 6:9-10. If we truly prayed this way, how would that affect how we see the world and our place in it?

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