

# God's Unexpected Answers to Our Requests

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Habakkuk

## God's answers our prayers:

- \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Kings 3:3-13
  - The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Solomon what he asked for
  - Solomon's request was not only granted by the Lord but it was \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Psalm 40:1-2
  - David had to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord – he was in a \_\_\_\_\_ position
- \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
  - God offers Paul something \_\_\_\_\_ → His \_\_\_\_\_

## The Example of Habakkuk:

- Habakkuk is \_\_\_\_\_ God
  - Habakkuk's Focus → \_\_\_\_\_
  - Habakkuk's \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-4)
    - Habakkuk perceives that God is \_\_\_\_\_
    - Habakkuk went to the \_\_\_\_\_ during these dark times
    - Habakkuk's prayer was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Word of the Lord
  - God \_\_\_\_\_ Habakkuk (1:5-11)
    - A picture of God's \_\_\_\_\_
    - He is using the \_\_\_\_\_ to bring His wrath on Judah
  - Habakkuk's second \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12-17)
    - Summary → How is this your \_\_\_\_\_?
    - We see a change in Habakkuk's \_\_\_\_\_
    - He is \_\_\_\_\_ who God is
    - He maintains a \_\_\_\_\_ posture toward God
- Habakkuk is \_\_\_\_\_ on God
  - Habakkuk's Focus → \_\_\_\_\_
  - Habakkuk is \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord's Response
    - Habakkuk 1:2 → “\_\_\_\_\_?” as compared to Habakkuk 2:1 → “\_\_\_\_\_ to see what he will say to me”
    - Habakkuk's attention is shifting from his \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord
  - God's response to Habakkuk (2:2-20)
    - Key verse – “*the righteous shall live by his faith*” ( 2:4)
      - Hebrews 10:22 – “*let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith*”
      - Hebrews 10:23 – “*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful*”
      - Hebrews 10:38 – “*but my righteous one shall live by faith...*”
      - Hebrews 10:39 – “*But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*”

- Habakkuk is \_\_\_\_\_ God!
  - Habakkuk's Focus → \_\_\_\_\_
  - Habakkuk 3:16-19
  - The thought of waiting on God is \_\_\_\_\_ to Habakkuk (3:16)
  - There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ societal and economical \_\_\_\_\_ (3:17)
  - In spite of all of this, Habakkuk \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord (3:18)
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ is in the Lord (3:19)
  
- **Application** – we often \_\_\_\_\_ to God's unexpected answers to our prayers in a similar manner as Habakkuk:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

**Characteristics of Habakkuk's prayers:**

- He prayed with \_\_\_\_\_
- He prayed with \_\_\_\_\_

**How was Habakkuk able to turn his questioning to praise?**

- He was \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12)
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ (2:3)
- He \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (2:4)
- He never stopped \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord

**Concluding Thoughts:**

- Do we speak \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord about our requests?
- Are we too focused on our \_\_\_\_\_ to wait on the Lord?
- Are we willing to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord? No matter how long it takes.
- Is there \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayers?
- Do we \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord enough to worship Him in the midst of our circumstances?

“He who counts the stars and calls them by their names is in no danger of forgetting his own children. He knows your case as thoroughly as if you were the only creature He ever made, or the only saint He ever loved.” – Charles Spurgeon

“Our risen Lord is the source of our happiness as we rest in Him – triumphant over circumstances; not hopelessly underneath them. Happy is the abiding believer, “hid with Christ in God” (Col 3:3) – Miles Stanford

“You may know the Lord Jesus as your relief – for what He has done, but it is quite another to know Him as your resource – for what He is. It is one thing to know Him as the one who has relieved you from every pressure, it is another to Know Him as the One attraction of your heart.” – JB Stoney