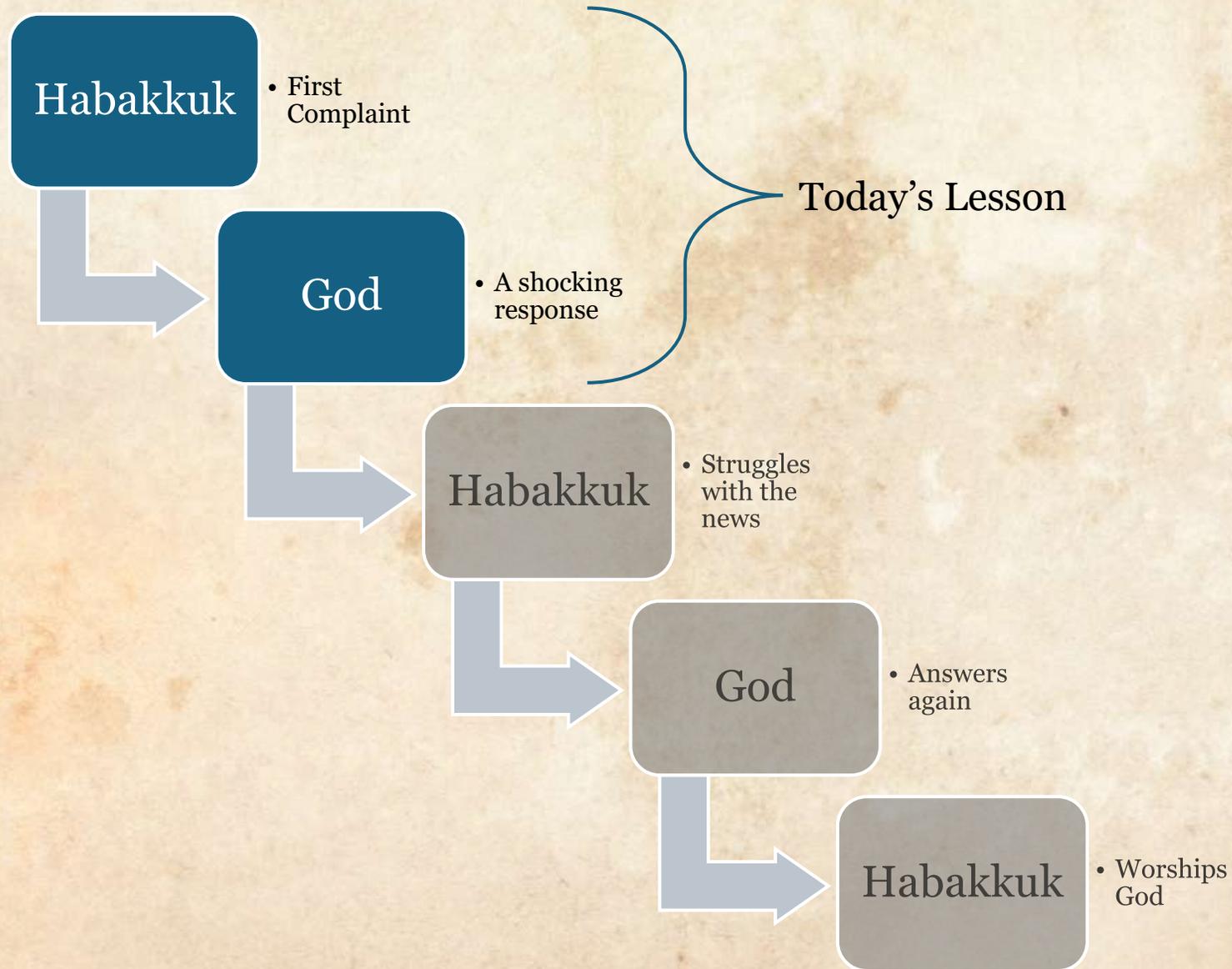


When God's Answer Disturbs Us

Habakkuk 1:1-11

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The spiritual state of Judah

- “Violence” — חָמָס(*hāmās*) — Strong’s H2555
 - *violence, wrong*
 - Used in Genesis 6:11, 13 for the earth before the flood.
- “Iniquity” — אָוֵן(*’āwen*) — Strong’s H205
 - *trouble, sorrow, wickedness*
 - Psalm 36:4 - Deliberate evil , "*He plans **wickedness** upon his bed*"
- “Destruction” — שָׁד(*šōd*) — Strong’s H7701
 - *violence, havoc, devastation, ruin*
 - Jeremiah 6:7 uses the same word to describe the condition of Judah.
- “Strife” — רִיב(*rîb*) — Strong’s H7379
 - *dispute, adversary, quarrel, plead his case*
 - Used in Isaiah 1:23 to describe corrupted courts that do not defend the orphan or the widow (Innocent victims)
- “Contention” — מַדּוֹן(*mādôn*) — Strong’s H4066
 - *strife, contention, object of contention*
 - Ongoing hostility. Proverbs 26:21 “*Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to a fire, So is a **contentious** man to kindle strife*”

Habakkuk 1:5

⁵Look among the nations! Observe!

Be astonished! Wonder!

Because I am doing something in your days—

You would not believe if you were told.

FOUR imperatives, 2nd person masculine plural (addressed broadly, not just to Habakkuk):

ראו (re'û) — Look / See

הַבִּיטוּ (habbîṭû) — Observe / Gaze intently

הִתְמַהוּ (hitammĕhû) — Be astonished

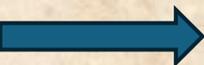
תִּמְהוּ (tammĕhû) — Wonder / Be utterly amazed

Look ➡ Look Harder ➡ Be stunned ➡ Be overwhelmed

Habakkuk 1:6

*6For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,
That fierce and impetuous people
Who march throughout the earth
To seize dwelling places which are not theirs.*

Who is doing this? Babylon (Chaldea)?

I *am raising up the Chaldeans*  *God claims ownership of the action*

Is this fair?

- Trust in God must be grounded in His character, not our expectations or morality.
- Faith is not agreement with God's methods.

Habakkuk 1:7-11

*7They are dreaded and feared;
Their justice and authority originate with themselves.
8Their horses are swifter than leopards
And keener than wolves in the evening.
Their horsemen come galloping,
Their horsemen come from afar;
They fly like an eagle swooping down to devour.
9All of them come for violence.
Their horde of faces moves forward.
They collect captives like sand.
10They mock at kings
And rulers are a laughing matter to them.
They laugh at every fortress
And heap up rubble to capture it.
11Then they will sweep through like the wind and pass on.
But they will be held guilty,
They whose strength is their god.”*

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Tying it all together

