

How Long?

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Habakkuk 1:1-11 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "How Long? (When God Seems Silent)," in the preaching series, "From Fear to Faith." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4

Questions for Reflection

- What burden does Habakkuk describe at the start of his book?
- How does Habakkuk feel about God's apparent silence?
- When have you felt like God was not answering your prayers?
- How do you respond when injustice seems to go unchecked?

Questions for Children

- What was Habakkuk asking God about?
- Why was Habakkuk sad?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us trust You even when answers seem delayed. Teach us to bring our questions to You honestly. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:5-6

Questions for Reflection

- What surprising answer does God give to Habakkuk?
- Who does God say He will use to accomplish His plan?
- How does this challenge your view of how God works?
- When has God answered your prayers in an unexpected way?

Questions for Children

- Who was God going to send?
- Why was this surprising?

Prayer Prompt

Father, remind us that Your ways are higher than ours. Help us trust Your wisdom. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:7-8

Questions for Reflection

- How does God describe the Chaldeans?
- What does this reveal about the kind of people God will use?
- How do you feel knowing God can use even wicked people for His purposes?
- How does this truth help you trust God in hard times?

Questions for Children

- Were the Chaldeans good or bad people?
- Who was still in control?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You that nothing surprises You. Help us rest in Your control. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:9-10

Questions for Reflection

- What will the Chaldeans do to other nations?
- How does this show the seriousness of God's judgment?
- How do you respond when you see evil growing in the world?
- How can you pray for God's justice today?

Questions for Children

- What were the Chaldeans planning to do?
- Who is stronger than them?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help us trust Your justice and pray for Your will to be done, even in difficult times. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:11

Questions for Reflection

- What attitude will the Chaldeans have after their victories?
- How does pride lead to destruction?
- How can you guard your heart against pride?
- How does knowing God is in control give you peace?

Questions for Children

- Who did the Chaldeans think gave them power?
- Who really gave them power?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, keep us humble and trusting in You alone. Amen.