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Why Does Evil Prosper?

*Habakkuk 1:1-11*

A. Habakkuk’s Complaint: Why does Evil Prosper? v2-4

* Evil Then
* There is much Sin and Violence, and no Justice in the courts
* Habakkuk’s cry: “How long will Evil Continue? God, why do You allow it to Go On?”
* Evil Today
* We want to join with Habakkuk’s petition: “God, please bring Peace, establish Justice, and punish the Wicked”

B. God’s Response: Judgment is Coming! v5-11

* Judgment: I am sending the Chaldeans
* God will hand over Judah to be judged by their Enemies
* Solution: I will punish the Wicked by those who are More Wicked
* He will punish wickedness with Greater wickedness

C. Lessons for Us Today

* Evil may seem to Triumph now, but God will have the Last Word
* Evil’s day may be Abundant but it is also Temporary; wickedness will be Judged
* God will judge Evil, but not according to our Timetable
* God’s Ways are not Our Ways; Isaiah 55:8-9
* His way is Always better in the End
* We Reap what we Sow; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Proverbs 21:15
* Judgment is Coming! There will be a Day of Reckoning
* God is Sovereign; He reigns Supreme!
* He will not let Evil have the last Word
* He might allow Evil for a Time, but He is in Control!

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