

Why Does God Seem Indifferent to Prayer, Suffering and Evil? Habakkuk 01:01–04

The question raised about God's apparent indifference

- a. The issues of concern
 - 1) Why did God not answer prayer and help His people?
 - 2) Why did God not save His people from violence?
 - 3) Why did God seem to tolerate evil?
 - Injustice, sin and misery
 - Destruction and violence
 - Strife and conflict
- b. The consequences of the people's evil
 - 1) The law was ineffective
 - 2) Justice was absent
 - 3) The righteous were surrounded and treated unjustly

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