

# Why Does God Seem Inconsistent by Tolerating the Wicked? Habakkuk 02: 01–05

## 1. *The patience needed when seeking answers from God*

- a. Habakkuk stood watch like a guard and waited for God's answer
- b. Habakkuk waited expectantly

## 2. *The clear answer given by God: Live by faith*

- a. Write down God's revelation: Others are to read and spread God's message
  - 1) His revelation (plan) will be fulfilled in an appointed time: The end times, at the return of Christ, Heb 10:37-38; 2 Pet 3:3-13
  - 2) His plan is a certainty
- b. Look at the self-sufficient: Their desires are corrupt
- c. Look at the just: They live by faith
- d. Know the sins of the self-sufficient: They are deceived or betrayed by...
  - 1) Wine
  - 2) Arrogance
  - 3) Restlessness
  - 4) Greed and dissatisfaction
  - 5) War and slavery

1 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

2 Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

4 "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright — but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness —

5 indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples.