

WHERE IS GOD?

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK



“Divine Disclosing”

HABAKKUK 1:5-11

“I do not think we Christians can begin to pray effectively for ourselves or others in pain until we are honest. Because of our creatureliness, much, if not most, human suffering seems meaningless. Our conjectures about why people hurt obscure the...



W. Bingham Hunter,
The God Who Hears

“...fact that we simply don't know why. It may seem helpful to suppose that God is doing or will do something good in these circumstances. But the truth is that we, like Job and the mothers of Bethlehem, usually don't know what is going on. What we know is that it hurts.”



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“Habakkuk’s experiences show us that God is willing to hear our needs and to help us deal with our problems, even when he does not answer in the way that we expect or in the way that we ask.”

**Quote from the
*New American Commentary***

KEY POINT:

God has never and will never lose
control of His universe.

I. The Intent to Discipline (vs. 1-5)

*16 For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.*

*17 And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.*

Colossians 1:16-17

⁷ I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things. ⁸“Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it. ⁹“Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’?”

Isaiah 45:7-9

*37 Who has spoken and it came to pass,
unless the Lord has commanded it?*

*38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good
and bad come?*

*39 Why should a living man complain, a man,
about the punishment of his sins?*

Lamentations 3:37-39

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“I am sure there is no more delightful doctrine to the believer than that of Christ’s absolute sovereignty. I am glad there is no such thing as chance, which nothing is left to itself, but that Christ everywhere has sway. If I thought that there was a devil in hell that Christ did not...



Charles Spurgeon, *The Power of Christ the Warrior*

“... govern, I should be afraid that devil would destroy me. If I thought there was a circumstance on earth that Christ did not overrule, I should fear that that circumstance would ruin me. If there was an angel in heaven that was not one of Jehovah’s subjects, I should tremble even at him...”



Charles Spurgeon, *The Power of Christ the Warrior*

“...But since Christ is King of kings...and I am one whom He loves, I give all my cares to Him, for He cares for me.”



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A. Their Character (vs. 6-9)

B. Their Confidence (vs. 10-11)

³⁴ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; ³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his...

Daniel 4:34-37

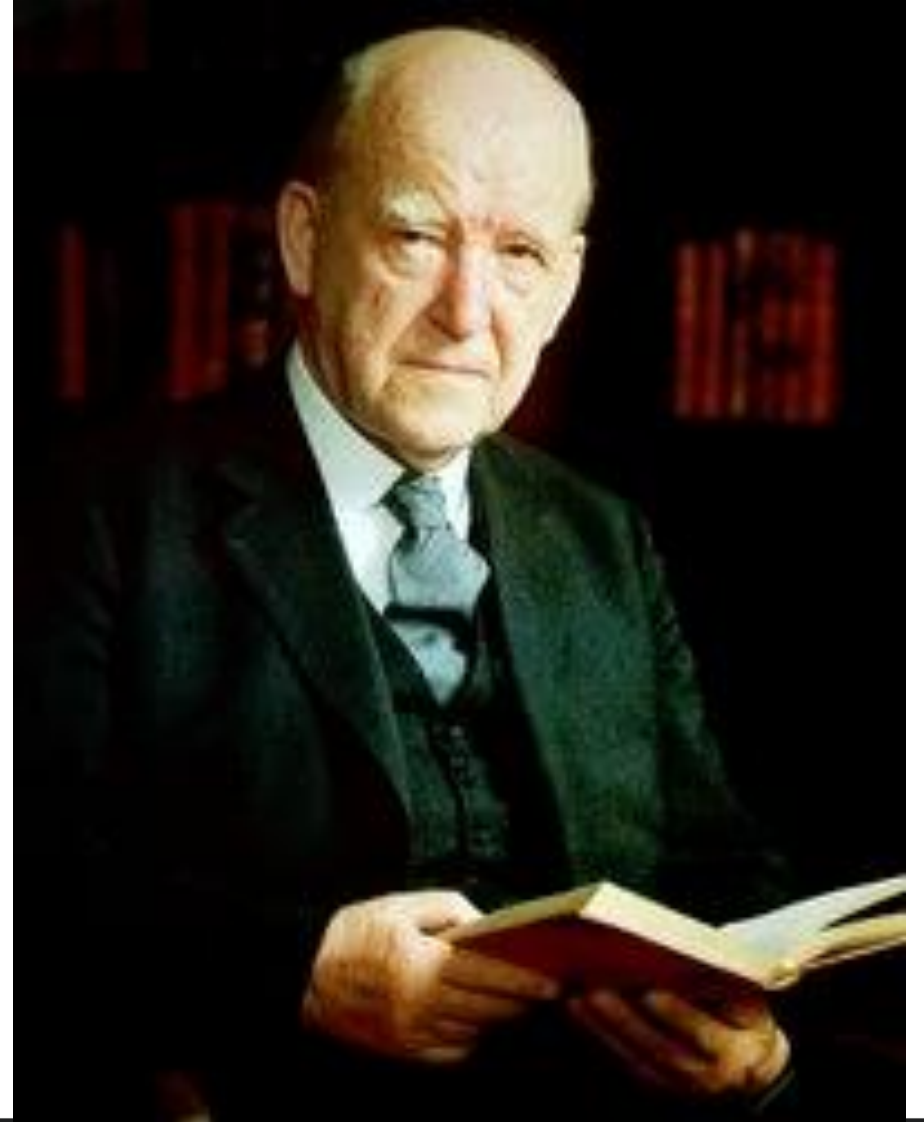
...hand or say to him, 'What have you done?' ³⁶ At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

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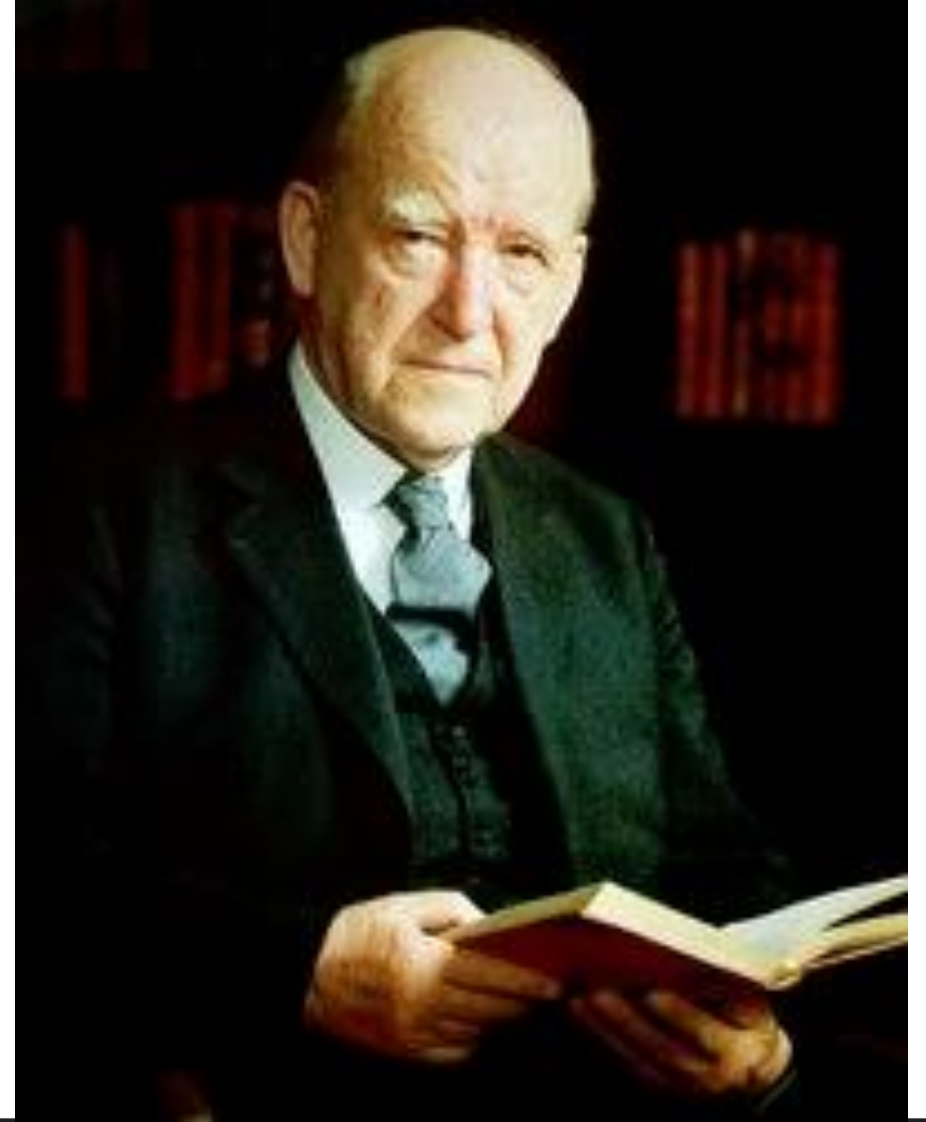
“Every nation on earth is under the hand of God, for there is no power in this world that is not ultimately controlled by him. Things are not what they appear to be. It seemed to be the astute military prowess of the Chaldeans that had brought them into the ascendancy. But it was...



Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Faith:
Tried and Triumphant*

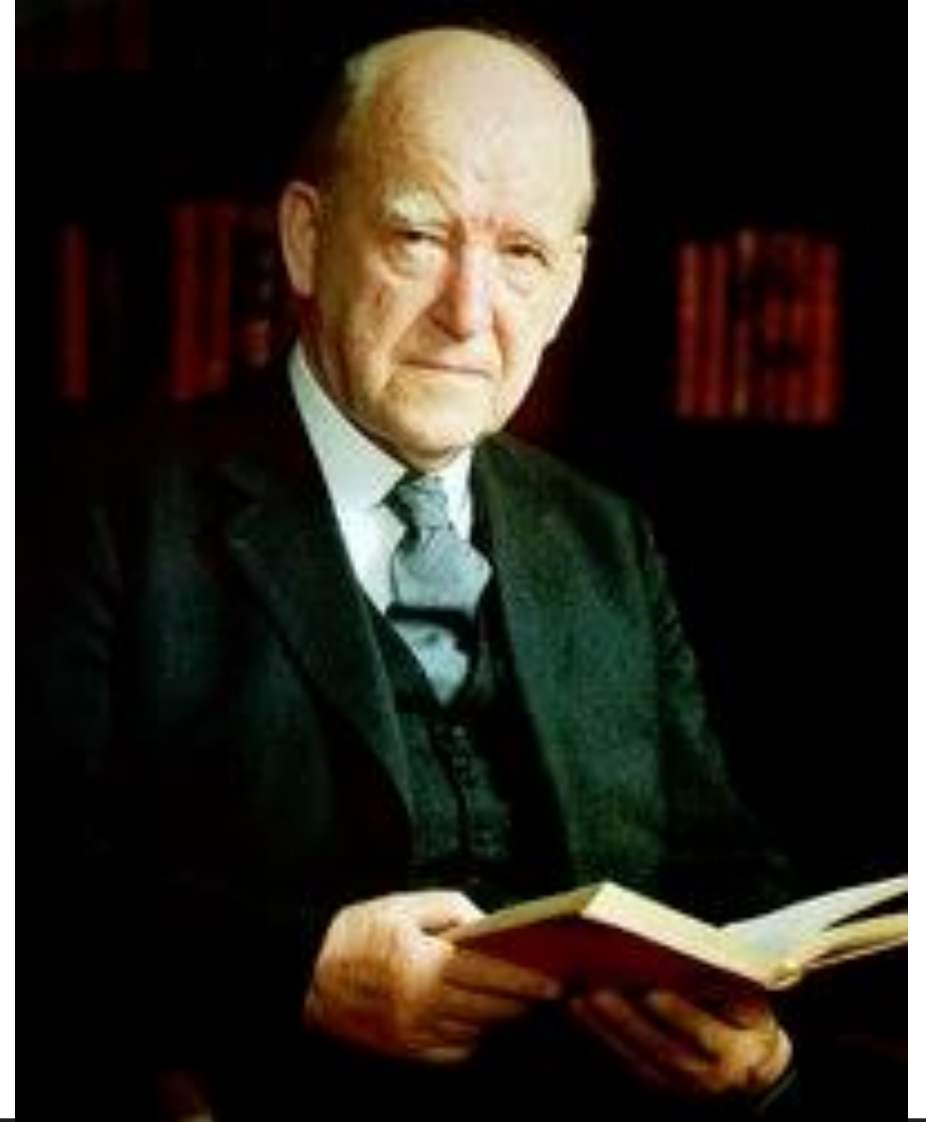
“...not so at all, for God had raised them up. God is the Lord of history. He is seated in the heavens, and the nations to him are as ‘as grasshoppers, as a drop in a bucket, or as the small dust of the balance.’

The Bible asserts that God is over all. He started the historical process,...



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“...he is controlling it,
and he is going to end it.
We must never lose sight
of this crucial fact.”



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