

# ***WHERE IS GOD?***

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK



**“Humble Praying”**

**HABAKKUK 3**

*“Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.*

**Matthew 5:8**

- Something that was sung?
- A prayer set to music?
- “strong emotions,” “passionate expressions”

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1. Review God's attributes (vs. 2).

## **Lessons on Prayer**

*Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.*

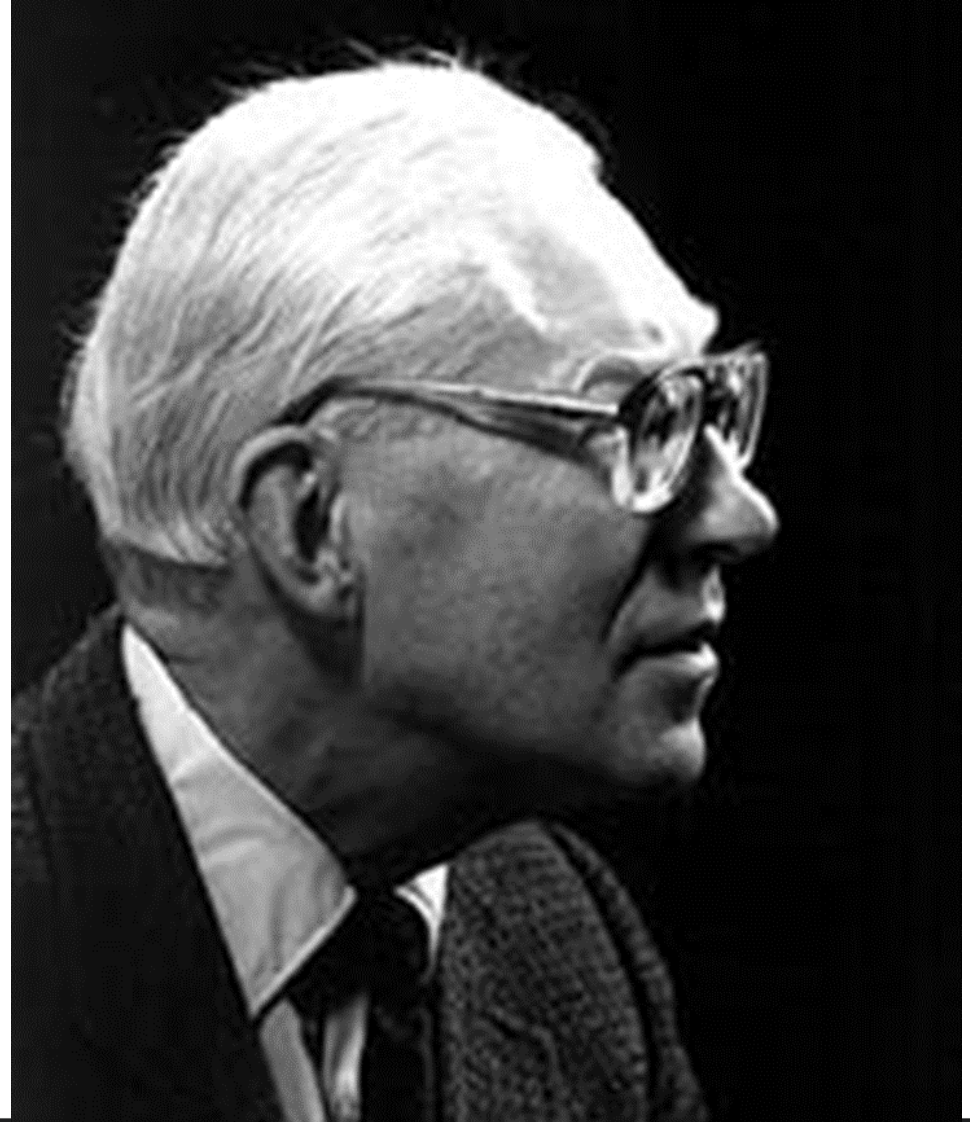
**Matthew 6:9**

1. God is personal.
2. God is plural.
3. God is perfect.
4. God is powerful.
5. God is purposeful.
6. God is a promise-keeper.
7. God is paternal.
8. God is praiseworthy.

**Eight P's from J. I. Packer**

“Realizing the reality of God, as we have described him, is the exercise of heart that sets prayer on the right footing.

And now note what follows. In the light of this knowledge of who and what our God is, you and I have to be clear who we are when we come...



**J.I. Packer,**  
*Praying*



“...to God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) in our prayers. And that is a major matter.”



**J. I. Packer,**  
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## **Lessons on Prayer**

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence,  
if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.*

**Philippians 4:8**

*No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

**I Corinthians 10:13**

*14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

**I John 5:14-15**

*<sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.*

**Romans 4:20-21**

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2. Plead the promises (vs 3-15).
3. Know your position before God (vs. 16).

## **Lessons on Prayer**

“Prayer is an expression  
of who we are...  
We are a living  
incompleteness.  
We are a gap,  
an emptiness that calls  
for fulfillment.”



**Thomas Manton**



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3. Know your position before God (vs. 16).
4. Trust God with your petitions (vs. 17-18).

## Lessons on Prayer

1. Fig – no blossom
2. Grapes – not on vine
3. Olives – fail
4. Grain – none
5. Crops – none
6. Sheep and cattle - none

## **Six Conditionals**

*Though he slay me, I will hope in him;  
yet I will argue my ways to his face.*

**Job 13:15**

*20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. 21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*24 “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”*

## **Lamentations 3:20-24**

“Let it never be forgotten that when a man is down, he has a grand opportunity for trusting God. A false faith can only float in smooth water, but true faith, like a lifeboat, is at home in storms. If our religion does not bear us up in time of trials, what is the use of it? If we cannot...



**Charles Spurgeon,  
*John Ploughman's Talks***

“...believe God when our circumstances appear to be against us, we do not believe Him at all. We trust a thief as far as we can see him. Shall we dare to trust our God in that fashion? No, no. The Lord is good, and He will yet appear for His servants, and we shall praise His name.”

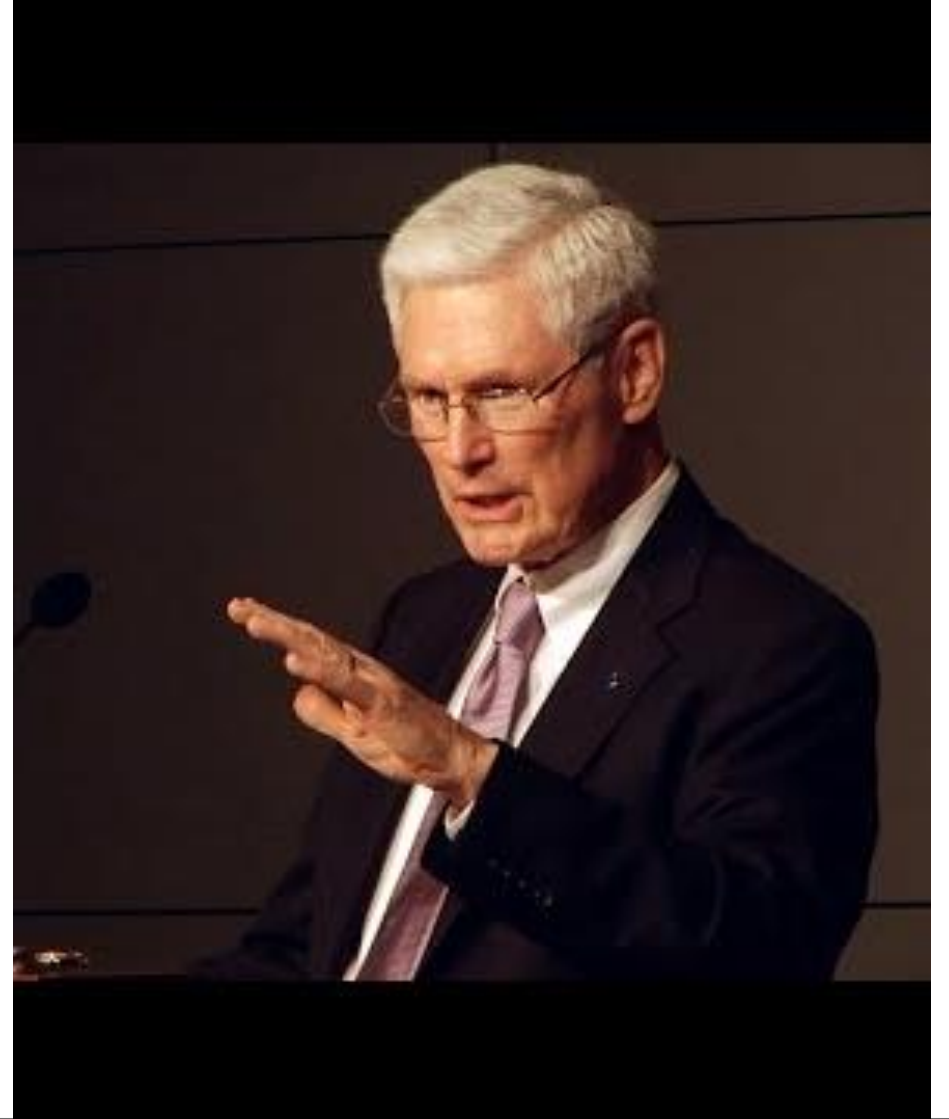


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5. Be willing to wait for God to answer (vs. 19).

## Lessons on Prayer

“Habakkuk’s book begins with an interrogation of God but ends as an intercession to God. Worry is transformed into worship. Fear turns to faith. Terror become trust. Hang-ups are resolved with hope. Anguish melts into adoration.”



**Ronald Blue, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary***



*<sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

**I John 5:4-5**