

# ***WHERE IS GOD?***

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK



**“Righteous Taunting”**

**HABAKKUK 2:6-20**

*54 ... Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*55 O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?*

**I Corinthians 15:54-55**

- A genre of poetry where the oppressor sings to the oppressed after the oppressor has been defeated or judged
- Looking back on their so-called might and mocking them for the deplored state they are in

## **Taunt Song**

## **KEY POINT:**

God always gets the last word.

# I. A Woe Because of Their Financial Frauds (vs. 6-8)

*Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of his fury will fail.*

**Proverbs 22:8**

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*<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

**Isaiah 11:6-9**

*17 So I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it:*

*18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a desolation and a waste, a hissing and a curse, as at this day; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his officials, all his people, 20 and all the mixed tribes among them; all the kings of the land of Uz and all the kings of the land of the Philistines (Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant ...*

**Jeremiah 25:17-29**

*...of Ashdod) <sup>21</sup> Edom, Moab, and the sons of Ammon; <sup>22</sup> all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastland across the sea; <sup>23</sup> Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who cut the corners of their hair; <sup>24</sup> all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the mixed tribes who dwell in the desert; <sup>25</sup> all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of Media; <sup>26</sup> all the kings of the north, far and near, one after another, and all the kingdoms of the world...*

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*...that are on the face of the earth. And after them the king of Babylon shall drink. <sup>27</sup> Then you shall say to them, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, be drunk and vomit, fall and rise no more, because of the sword that I am sending among you.” <sup>28</sup> And if they refuse to accept the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: You must drink! <sup>29</sup> For behold, I begin to work disaster at the city that is called...*

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*...by my name, and shall you go unpunished?*

*You shall not go unpunished,*

*for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants  
of the earth, declares the LORD of hosts.”*

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IV. A Woe Because of Their Idolatry (vs. 18-20)

*4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.*

*5 They have mouths, but do not speak;  
eyes, but do not see.*

*6 They have ears, but do not hear;  
noses, but do not smell.*

*7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;  
and they do not make a sound in their throat.*

*8 Those who make them become like them;  
so do all who trust in them.*

**Psalm 115:4-8**

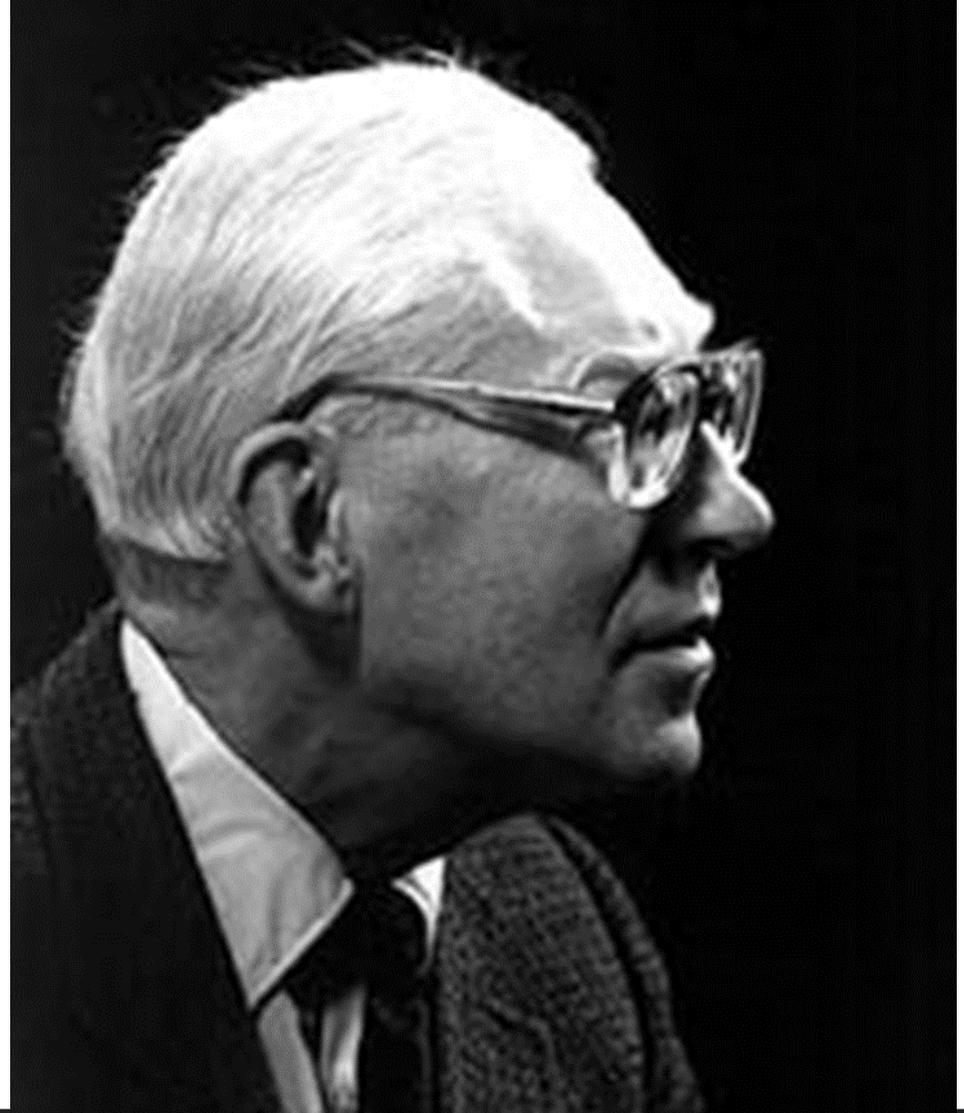
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## **Four Things to Remember about God's Wrath**

“God’s wrath in the Bible is never the capricious, self-indulgent, irritable, morally ignoble thing that human anger so often is. It is, instead, a right and necessary reaction to objective moral evil.”



**J.I. Packer,  
*Knowing God***

*But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.*

**Romans 2:5**

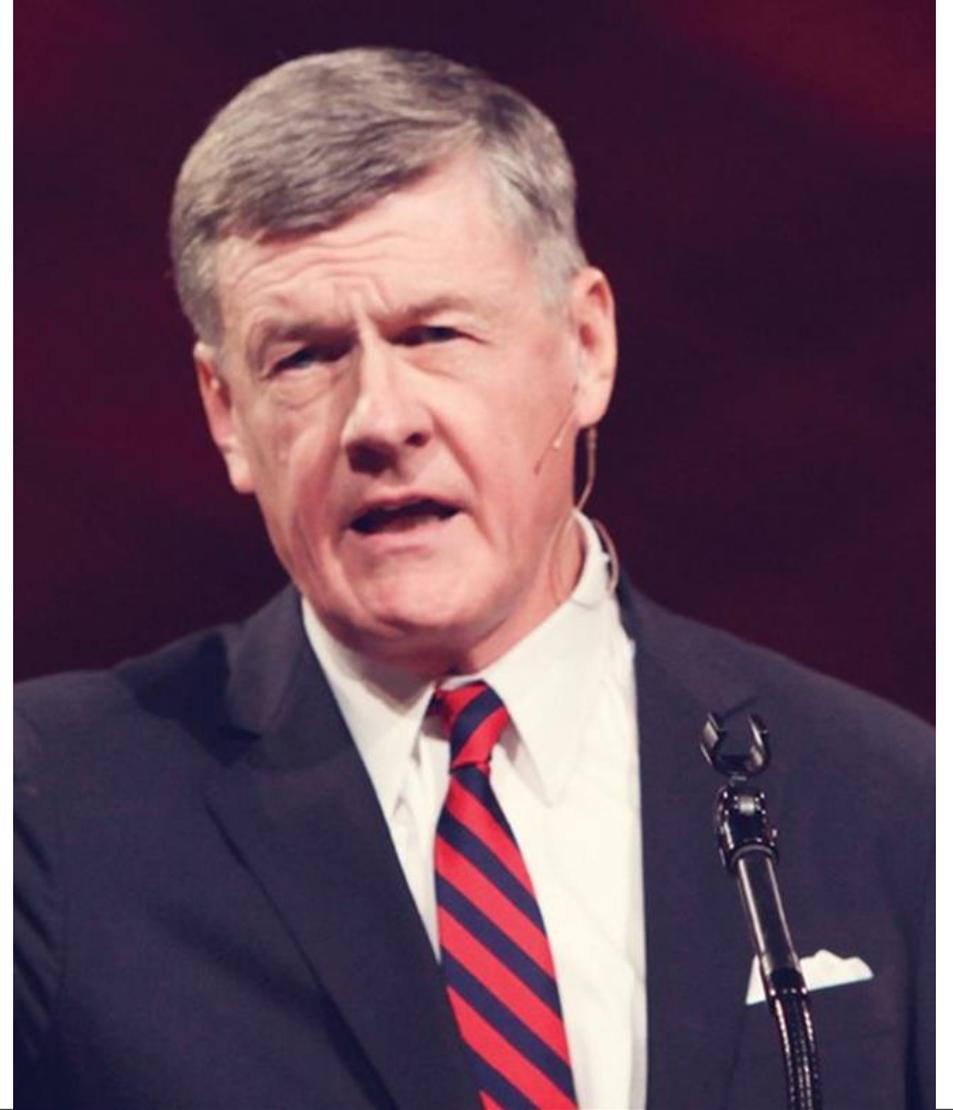
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“God’s wrath is His absolute detestation of all sin and His rightful judgment of it wherever it is found.

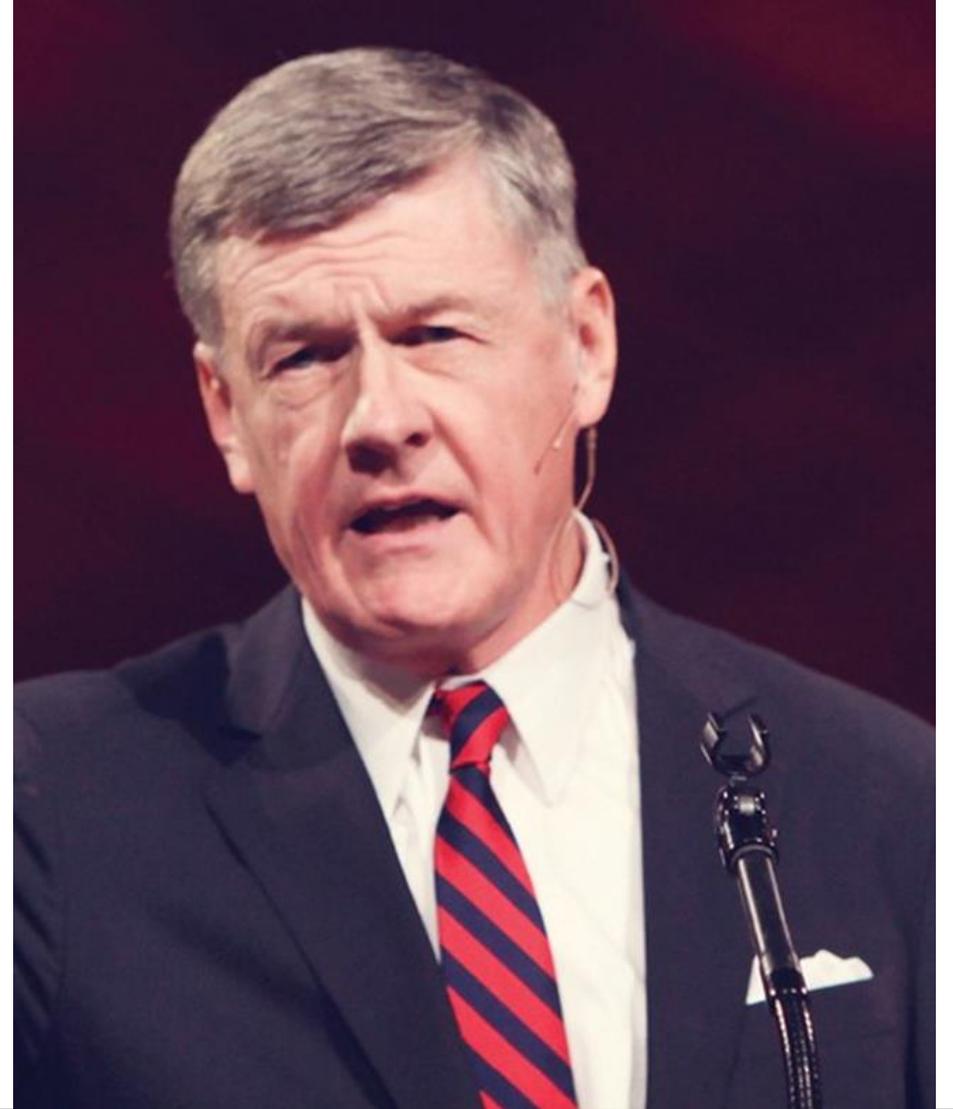
It is the necessary response of his fierce anger against all that is contrary to His holy nature.

It is His expressed displeasure and ...



**Steve Lawson,  
*Made In Our Image***

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It is the holiness of God  
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4. The wrath of God was satisfied in Christ (Romans 3:26).

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*It was to show his righteousness at the present time,  
so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who  
has faith in Jesus.*

**Romans 3:26**

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