

THE HABAKKUK PARADOX

Introduction – The Bible presents God’s character in a paradoxical way. A paradox consists of true statements that lead to an apparent or real contradiction in logic or intuition.

A. Habakkuk – The God who is consistently unpredictable.

1. We often have expectations for God that may lead to disillusionment.
2. Habakkuk lived in a time of great turmoil in the Middle East and injustice among God’s people, Judah.

Habakkuk 1:2-4

B. When we are troubled about God’s actions or inaction, then we need to remember to take our concerns directly to God.

1. God’s response to our complaints may be startling and full of surprises.

Habakkuk 1:5-6

2. God promises to hold Babylon accountable for their idolatrous violence in the future.

C. Our remembrance of God’s faithfulness in the past gives us hope for the future.

Habakkuk 3:2

1. The Bible is our record of God fulfilling his promises and executing justice.
2. Our problem is that we are limited by time and have trouble seeing the larger workings of God in history.

Ecclesiastes 3:10-11

Conclusion – We must develop the kind of faith that Habakkuk exhibited to remain faithful to our God who is consistently unpredictable.

Habakkuk 3:16-19