

## Wisdom Not Worry

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Habakkuk 1:12-17

*Lord, are you not from everlasting?  
My God, my Holy One, you<sup>[G]</sup> will never die.  
You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment;  
you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.  
Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;  
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.  
Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?*

Habakkuk is having a terrible time making sense of what just doesn't make sense – How could a Good and Holy God use the wicked Babylonians to execute judgement on His chosen people who were far less wicked than they!?

Can you relate? Sure, we profess, “God works all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to his purposes.” But do we really believe it? Can God who is loving and good use terrible things like the coronavirus or cancer or divorce or corruption or dementia or addiction to accomplish His purposes in our lives?! If we are honest, I think we are as flabbergasted as Habakkuk to learn God uses evil to accomplish His good. But He does. We need only to look to the cross to be convinced of it.

Consider the heinous evil recruited to execute the will of God on Calvary. The greedy wickedness of Judas, the mocking jeers of the soldiers, the cruel whipping post of Pilate, the arrogant expediency of Caiaphas, the murder of our Lord by the most horrifying method imaginable were evil, pure evil. Yet, “it was the will of Lord to crush Him” (Isaiah 53:10). They “carried out what His hand and purpose had decided beforehand would happen” (Acts 4:28). When the Sovereign God summons, even evil obeys.

Are you having a hard time making sense of the evil in this world or its impact in your life? Be thankful for a sovereign God who “works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, His good, pleasing and perfect will (Ephesians 1:11, Romans 12:2).

This is my Father's world  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and heaven be one!

This is My Father's World - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEBmj7JO\\_Os](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEBmj7JO_Os)

Grateful,  
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