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HABAKKUK

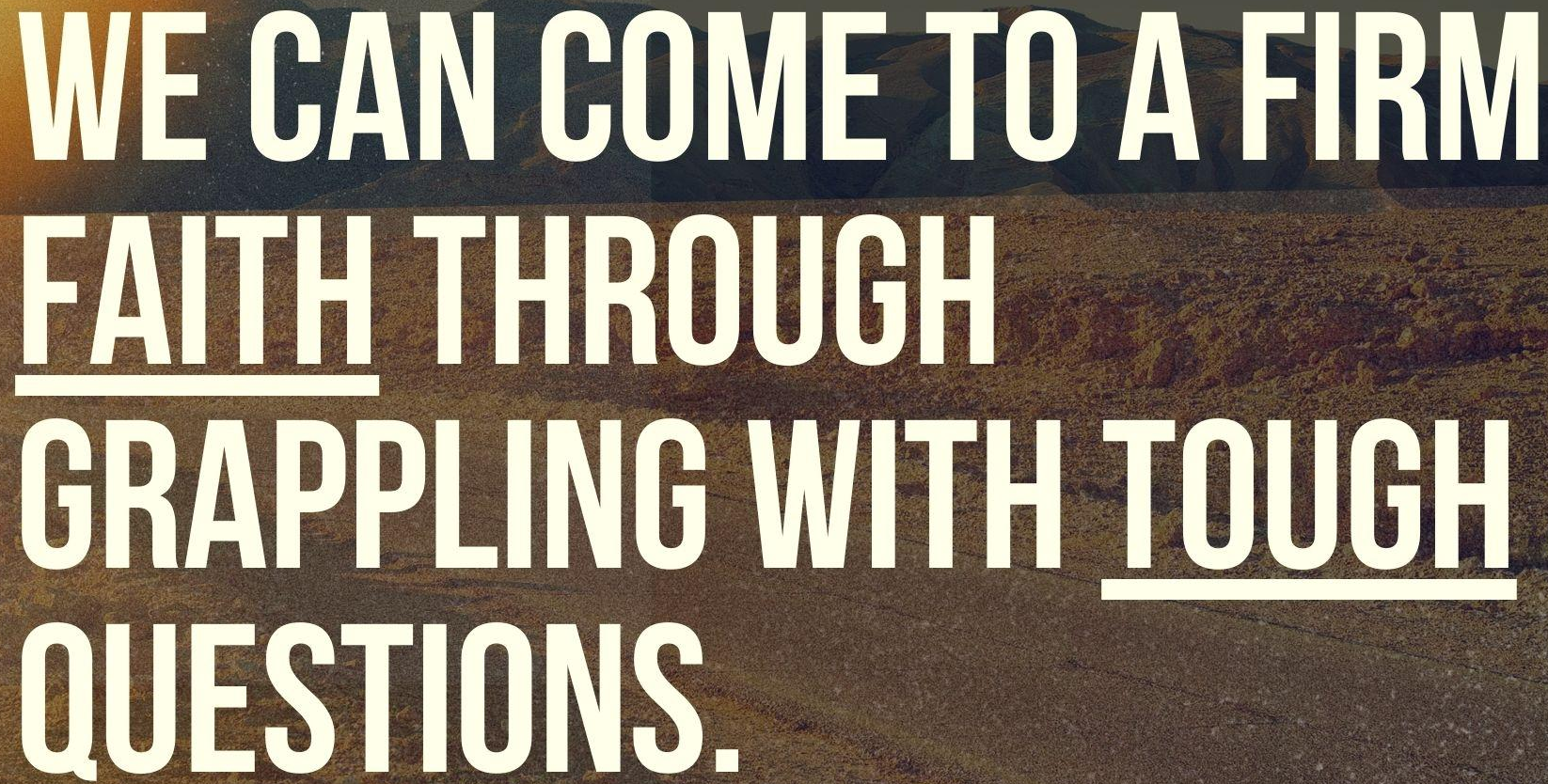


HABAKKUK 1:1 NLT

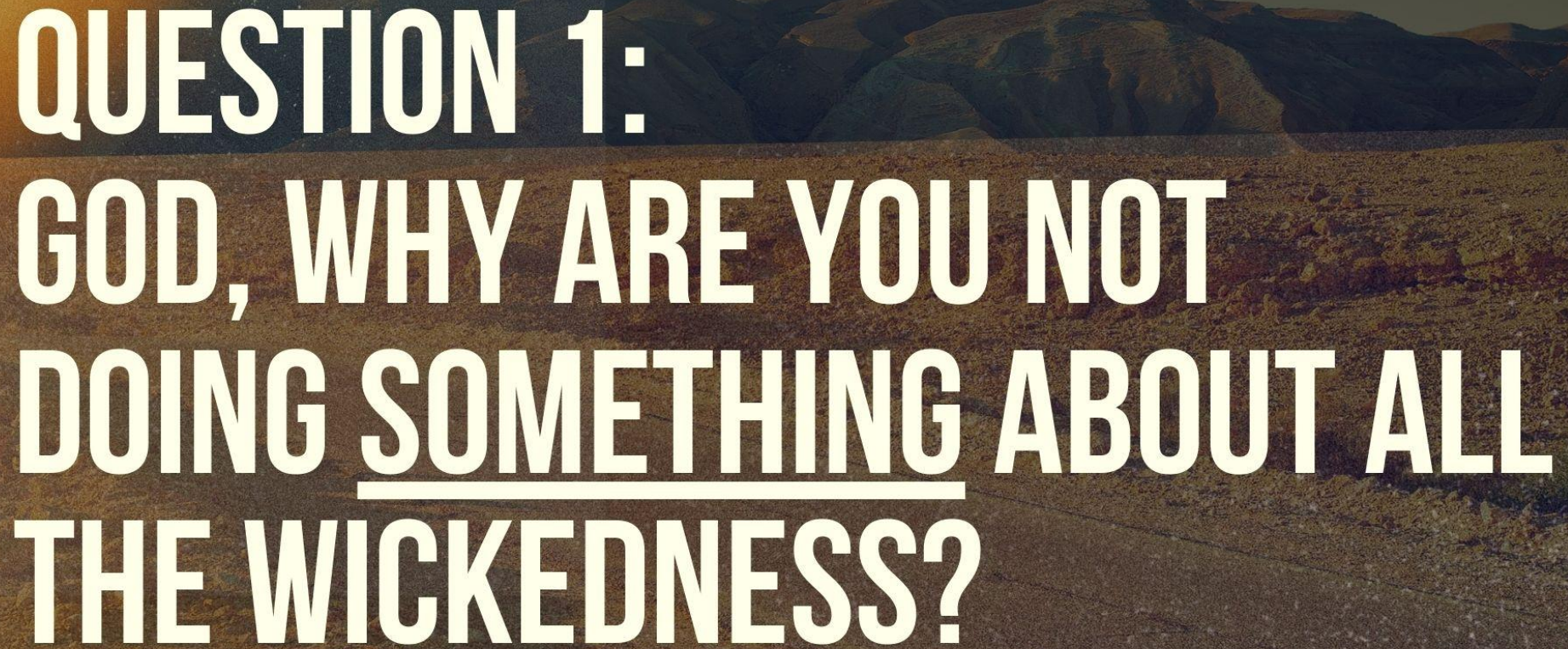
This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with a double line runs across the frame. The middle ground is a vast, arid plain with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of rugged mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning, with a warm, golden glow on the left side of the image.

**LOOKING AT THE OVERARCHING
THEME OF HABAKKUK**

A photograph of a desert landscape with rolling hills and a dirt road, overlaid with white text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font and is arranged in four lines. The first line is "WE CAN COME TO A FIRM", the second line is "FAITH THROUGH", the third line is "GRAPPLING WITH TOUGH", and the fourth line is "QUESTIONS.".

**WE CAN COME TO A FIRM
FAITH THROUGH
GRAPPLING WITH TOUGH
QUESTIONS.**

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a road in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

**QUESTION 1:
GOD, WHY ARE YOU NOT
DOING SOMETHING ABOUT ALL
THE WICKEDNESS?**

HABAKKUK 1:2-4 NLT

2 How long, O Lord, must I call for help?

But you do not listen! “Violence is everywhere!” I cry, but you do not come to save. 3 Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight.

HABAKKUK 1:2-4 NLT

The law has become paralyzed,
and there is no justice in the courts.
The wicked far outnumber the righteous,
so that justice has become perverted.

A desert landscape with a dirt road leading towards mountains under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

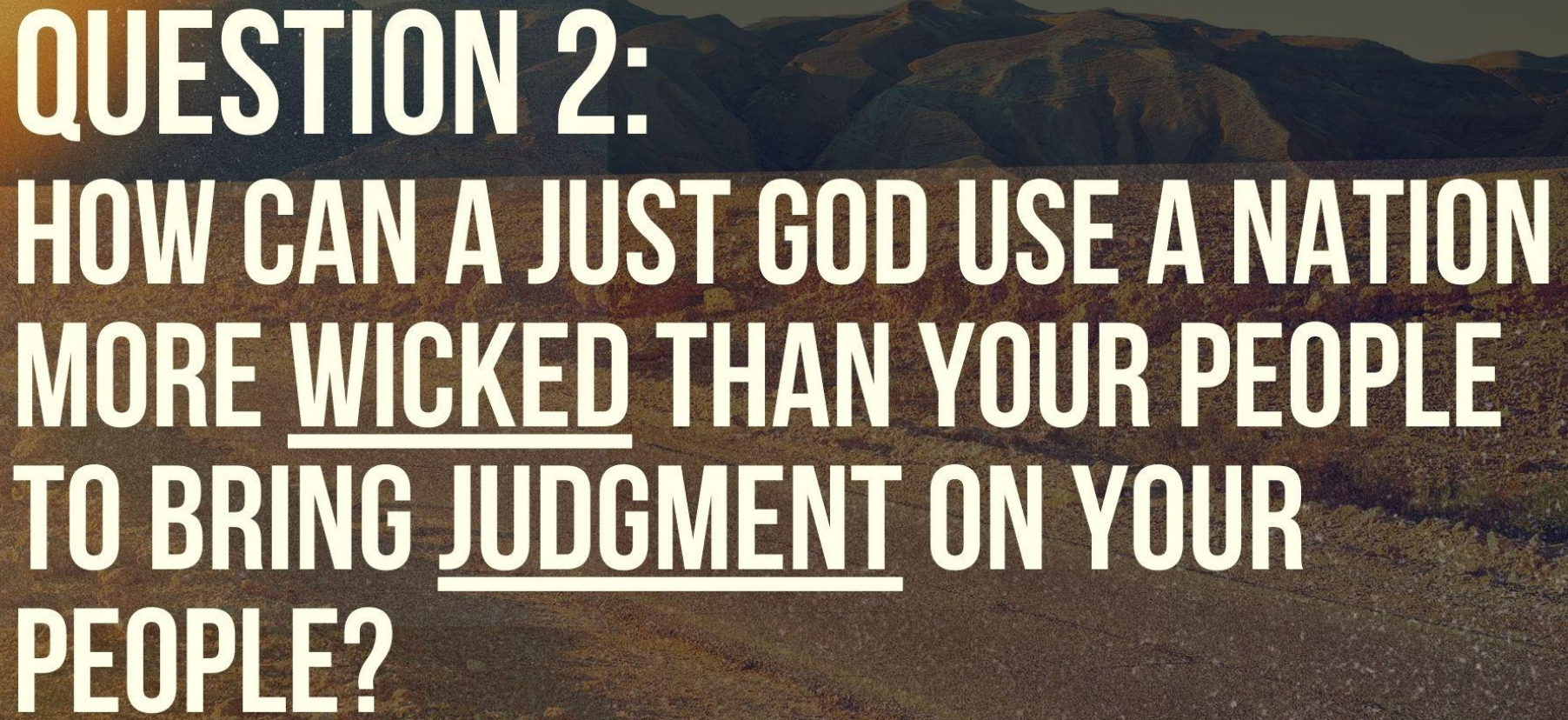
GOD'S ANSWER TO QUESTION 1:

**I WILL USE THE BABYLONIANS
TO DISCIPLINE MY PEOPLE.**

HABAKKUK 1:6 NLT

6 I am raising up the Babylonians,
a cruel and violent people.

They will march across the world
and conquer other lands.



**QUESTION 2:
HOW CAN A JUST GOD USE A NATION
MORE WICKED THAN YOUR PEOPLE
TO BRING JUDGMENT ON YOUR
PEOPLE?**

HABAKKUK 1:12-13 NLT

O Lord my God, my Holy One, you who are eternal— surely you do not plan to wipe us out?

O Lord, our Rock, you have sent these Babylonians to correct us, to punish us for our many sins.

13 But you are pure and cannot stand the sight of evil. Will you wink at their treachery?

Should you be silent while the wicked swallow up people more righteous than they?

GOD'S ANSWER TO QUESTION 2:

**BABYLON WILL BE PUNISHED IN
GOD'S PERFECT TIMING AND
FAITH WILL BE REWARDED.**

HABAKKUK 2:8A NLT

8 Because you have plundered many nations, now all the survivors will plunder you.

HABAKKUK 2:6A NLT

“But soon their captives will taunt them.

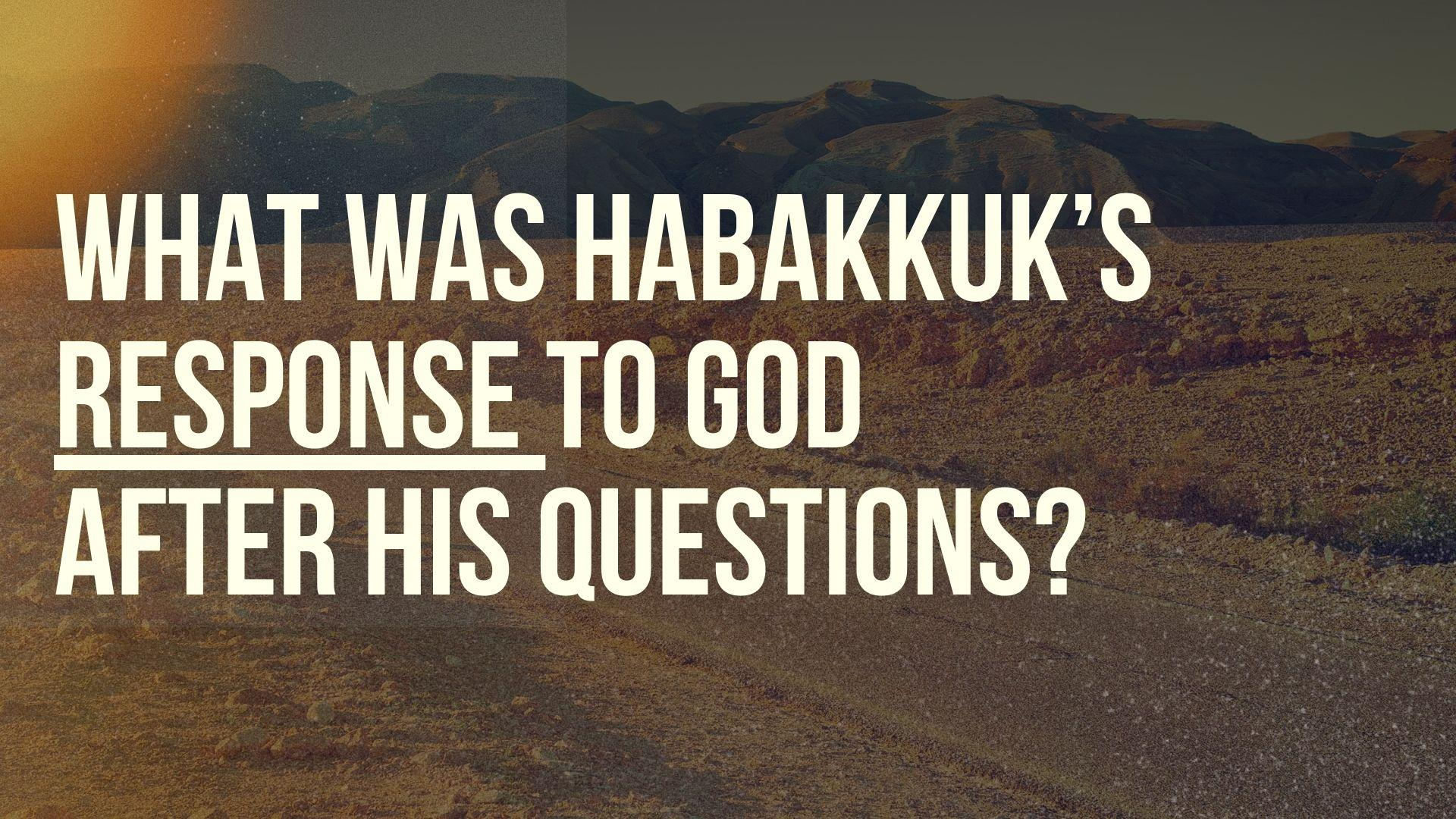
They will mock them, saying,

‘What sorrow awaits you thieves!

Now you will get what you deserve!’”

HABAKKUK 2:4 NLT

“Look at the proud!
They trust in themselves, and their
lives are crooked. But the righteous
will live by their faithfulness
to God.”

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a road winding through the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

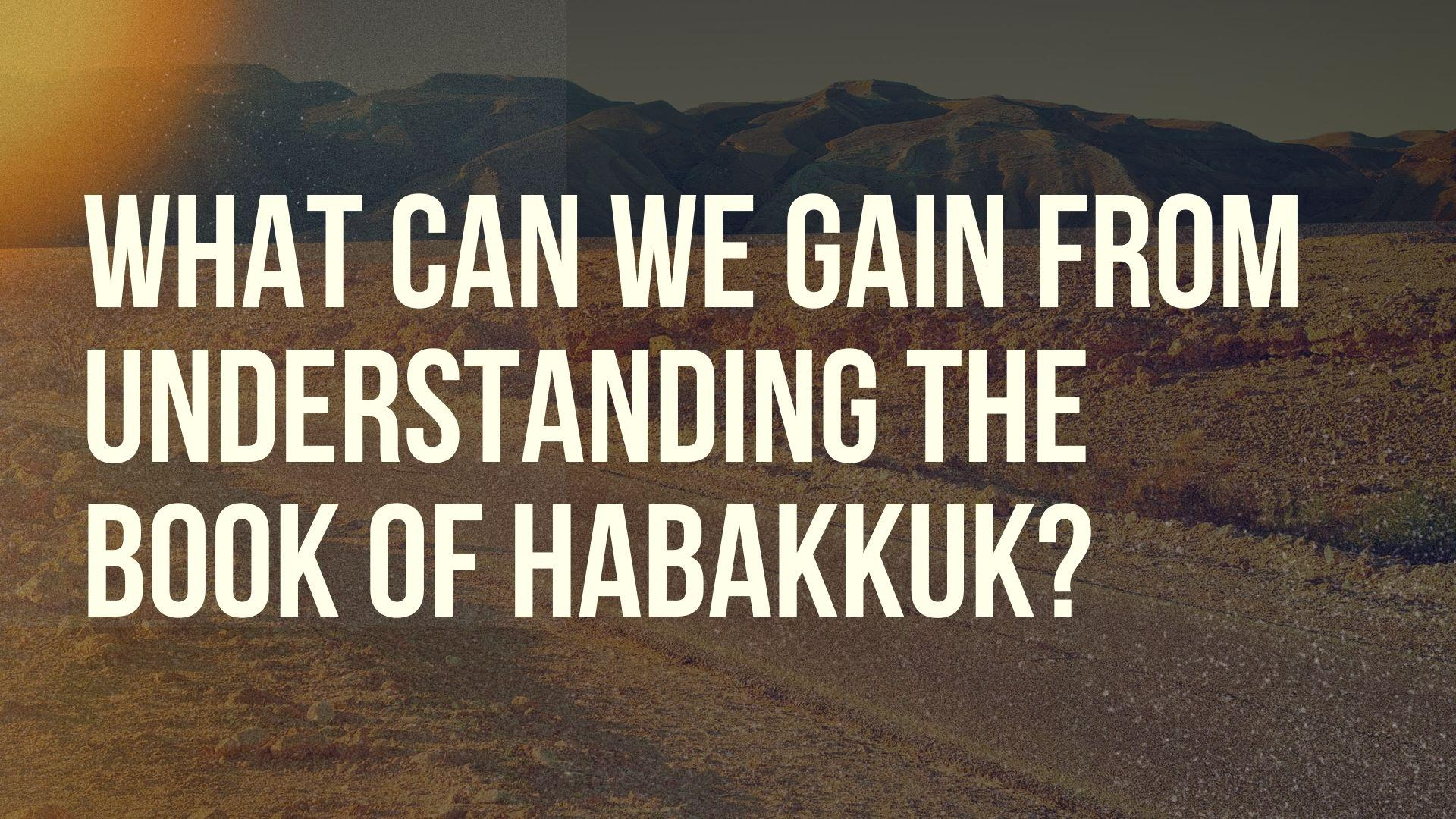
**WHAT WAS HABAKKUK'S
RESPONSE TO GOD
AFTER HIS QUESTIONS?**

HABAKKUK 3:1-2 NLT

This prayer was sung by the prophet Habakkuk:
2 I have heard all about you, Lord.
I am filled with awe by your amazing works.
In this time of our deep need,
help us again as you did in years gone by. And in
your anger, remember your mercy.

HABAKKUK 3:17-19A NLT

17 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms,
and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive
crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though
the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God
of my salvation! 19 The Sovereign Lord is my strength!
He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon
the heights.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt path leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is arid and rocky, with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The lighting suggests a bright day, with a warm glow on the left side of the image.

**WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM
UNDERSTANDING THE
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- EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS TO US THAT GOD IS DOING NOTHING, HE IS ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING.

HABAKKUK 1:5 NLT

The Lord replied,

“Look around at the nations;
look and be amazed!

For I am doing something in your own day,
something you wouldn't believe
even if someone told you about it.”

JOHN 5:17 NLT

But Jesus replied, “My Father is always working, and so am I.”

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK?

- GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT AND HIS PROMISES ARE TRUE.

HABAKKUK 2:3 NLT

This vision is for a future time.

It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place.

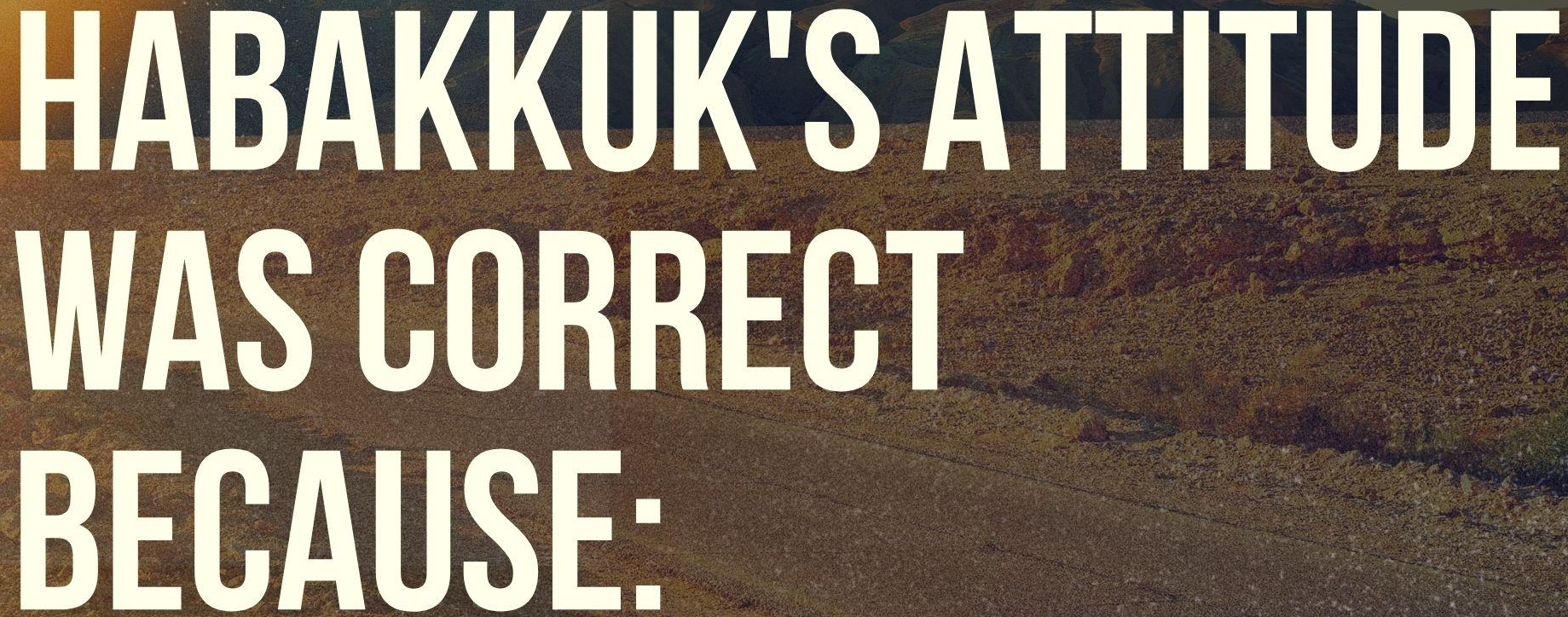
It will not be delayed.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK?

- GOD CAN HANDLE OUR QUESTIONS BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BRING THEM WITH THE CORRECT ATTITUDE.

HABAKKUK 2:1 NKJV

I will stand my watch And set myself on
the rampart, And watch to see what He
will say to me, And what I will answer
when I am corrected.

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a road leading into the distance. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**HABAKKUK'S ATTITUDE
WAS CORRECT
BECAUSE:**

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and blue.

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2. HE WAS WILLING TO WAIT.
3. HE EXPECTED GOD TO CORRECT HIM.



**HABAKKUK DIDN'T ASK GOD THESE QUESTIONS
BECAUSE HE THOUGHT GOD WAS WRONG AND HAD
TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF. HE ASKED THEM BECAUSE
HE KNEW THAT HE WAS WRONG AND HE NEEDED
TO BE CORRECTED.**

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK?

- TRUE FAITH LOOKS OUTSIDE OF SELF TO THE LORD GOD, WHILE PRIDE ALWAYS LOOKS TO SELF.

HABAKKUK 2:4 NLT

“Look at the proud!

They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.”

ROMANS 1:17 NIV

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”