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### Faith to Believe God is Present and will Act

- **JER 22:3** This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.
- **JER 22:13** Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing, not paying them for their labor.
- **JER 22:21** I warned you when you felt secure, but you said, 'I will not listen!' This has been your way from your youth; you have not obeyed me.
- **JER 23:1** Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD.

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## **Habakkuk's First Complaint**

**HAB 1:2-4** How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

**If you are really God, why don't you do something.**

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Name of God:

**Jehovah-Shammah**

**The Lord is Present**

Impact:

- How we live
- How we react to injustice
- Lays foundation for fully experiencing other attributes of God

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PS 37:7-9 **Be still** before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. **Refrain from anger** and turn from wrath; **do not fret**--it leads only to evil. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

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## **The Lord's Response**

**HAB 1:5** Look at the nations and watch--and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

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### **The Lord's Response (cont.)**

**HAB 1:6-9** I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwelling places not their own. They are a feared and dreaded people; they are a law to themselves and promote their own honor. Their horses are swifter than leopards, fiercer than wolves at dusk. Their cavalry gallops headlong; their horsemen come from afar. They fly like a vulture swooping to devour; they all come bent on violence. Their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand.

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### **The Lord's Response (cont.)**

**HAB 1:10-11** They deride kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; they build earthen ramps and capture them. Then they sweep past like the wind and go on-- guilty men, whose own strength is their god.

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## **Habakkuk's Response**

**HAB 3:2** LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

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**HAB 3:3-6** God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah* His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed. His ways are eternal.

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Our Foe	Our Father
Sweeps across the whole earth	Glory covers the heavens and praise fills the earth
Their horses, their cavalry	His hand
Laugh at fortified cities and build earthen ramps	Ancient mountains crumble and age-old hills crumble
Sweeps past like the wind	His ways are eternal

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- The Lord is Present.
- Renew in Our Day.

