

RETURN TO ME

THE HEART OF GOD
THROUGH THE MINOR PROPHETS

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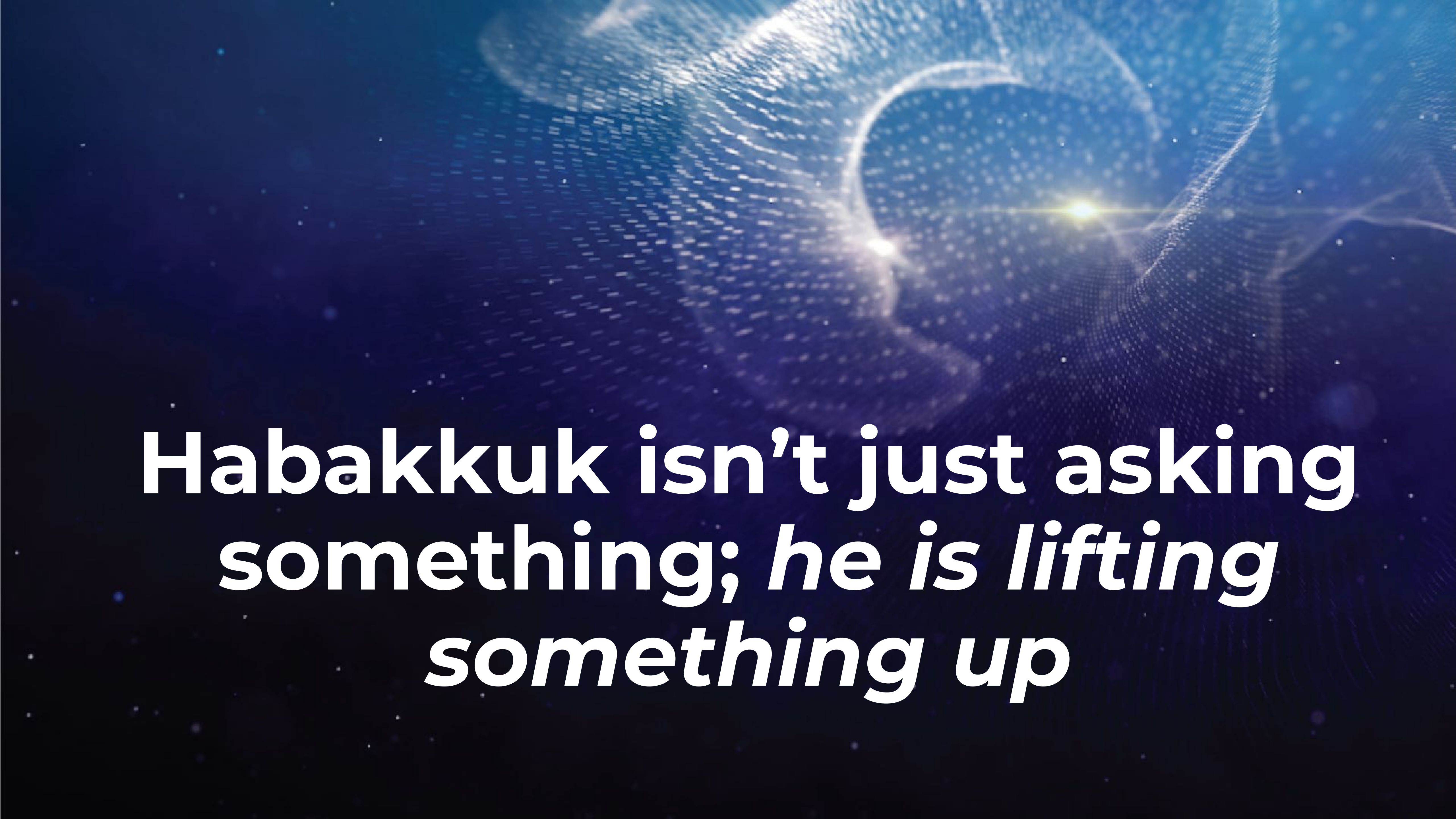
Habakkuk's Complaint

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. Must I forever see these evil deeds?

H a b a k k u k 1:2-3

***How long, O LORD, must I call for help?
Must I forever see these evil deeds?
Why must I watch all this misery?***

H a b a k k u k 1:2-3



**Habakkuk isn't just asking
something; *he is lifting
something up***

Complaint

Massa' (mas-saw'):
“burden”, or the thing
to be lifted up”

A close-up photograph of a human hand with fingers spread, set against a dark blue background with a glowing, ethereal light pattern. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Habakkuk isn't just asking questions; he is *lifting up his burden.*

**“You know my sitting down and
when I get up; You understand
my thought afar off.”**

Psalm 139:2

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**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.
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.**

H a b a k k u k 1:3-4

**...bear ye one another's burdens
and so fulfill the law of Christ.**

Galations 6:2

The LORD's Reply

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. I am raising up the Babylonians, a cruel and violent people. They will march across the world and conquer other lands.

H a b a k k u k 1:5-6

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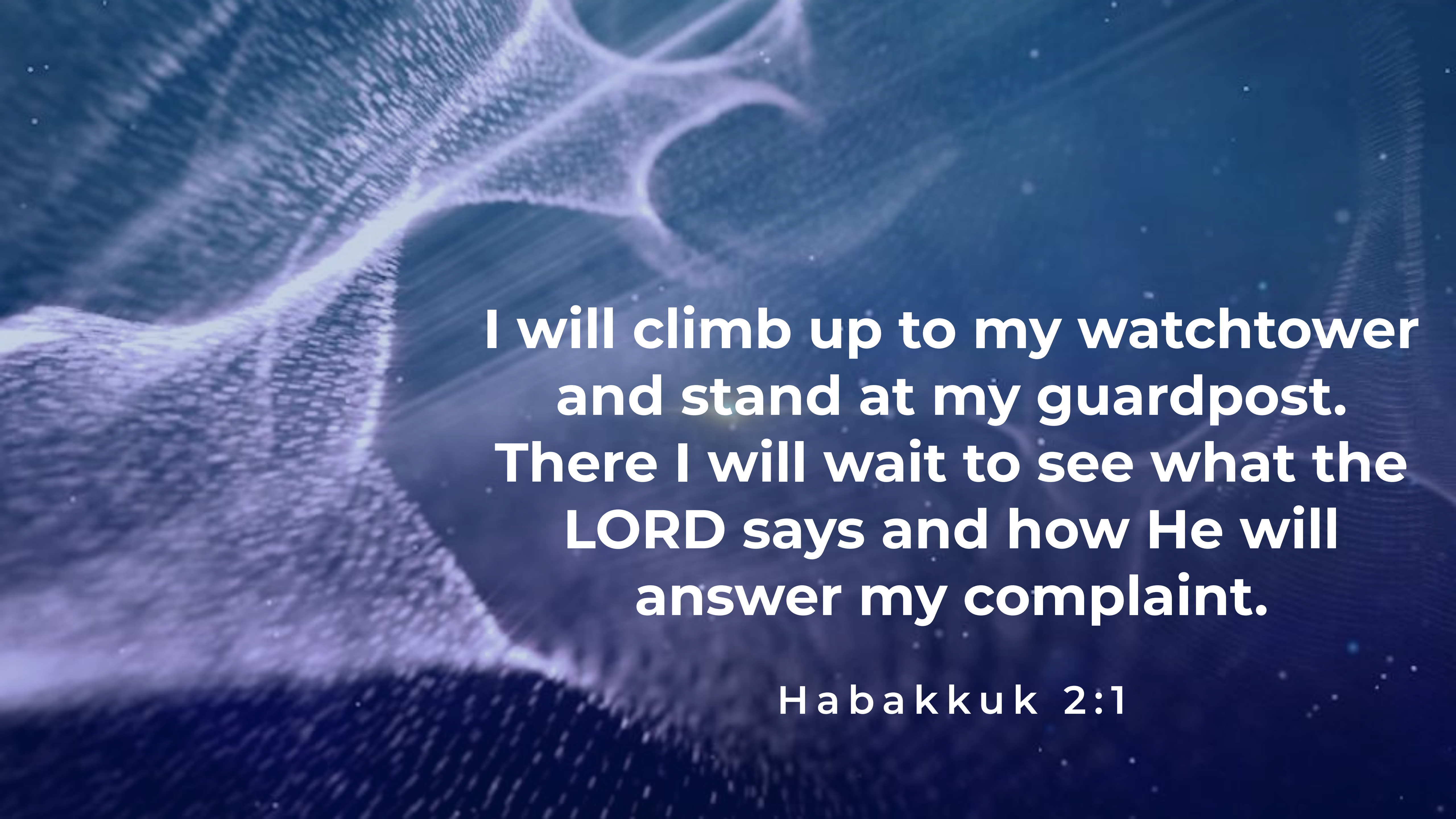
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Habakkuk's Second Complaint

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. 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?

H a b a k k u k 1:12-13



**I will climb up to my watchtower
and stand at my guardpost.
There I will wait to see what the
LORD says and how He will
answer my complaint.**

H a b a k k u k 2:1

**a) He acknowledged his own
responsibility in the world**

**“Go set a watchman, let Him
declare what he sees.”**

Isaiah 21:6

**a) He acknowledged his own
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**b) He made space for
God to correct him**

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The LORD's Second Reply

Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. 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.

H a b a k k u k 2:2-3

“But the just shall live by faith”

Habakkuk 2:4

Habakkuk's Prayer

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, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

H a b a k k u k 3:17-19

**I will be joyful in the God
of my salvation!**

Habakkuk 3:18

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