



# DECEMBER 6

## GCC 2021 READING PLAN

II Chronicles 6:12-42  
I John 5  
Habakkuk 1

### PRAY:

*Father show us who you are. Show us your person, your power, your purposes. Overwhelm us with a knowledge of you that penetrates our minds and imbeds itself in the deepest recesses of our hearts. Let this knowledge so change our hearts that it results in our lives being lived in light of who you are, what you have done and what you say is true about us in Jesus Christ.*

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### AS YOU READ THROUGH TODAY'S PASSAGES REFLECT ON THESE QUESTIONS:

**What are some things revealed in these passages about the person and character of God? Who is he? What is he like?**

**What are some things that God has done to reveal who he is?**

**Who are you in light of God's work? What is it that God is saying about you?**

**How should knowing who God is, what he has done and what he says about you change how you live?**



## II CHRONICLES 6:12-42

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### Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

<sup>12</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. <sup>13</sup> Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven, <sup>14</sup> and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>15</sup> who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>16</sup> Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.' <sup>17</sup> Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David.

<sup>18</sup> "But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built! <sup>19</sup> Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you, <sup>20</sup> that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where you have promised to set your name, that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. <sup>21</sup> And listen to the pleas of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen from heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

<sup>22</sup> "If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath and comes and swears his oath before your altar in this house, <sup>23</sup> then hear from heaven and act and judge your servants, repaying the guilty by bringing his conduct on his own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness.

<sup>24</sup> "If your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn again and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house, <sup>25</sup> then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to them and to their fathers.

<sup>26</sup> "When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and acknowledge your name and turn from their sin, when you afflict them, <sup>27</sup> then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and grant rain upon your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.

<sup>28</sup> "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence or blight or mildew or locust or caterpillar, if their enemies besiege them in the land at their gates, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is, <sup>29</sup> whatever prayer, whatever plea is made by any man or by all your people

Israel, each knowing his own affliction and his own sorrow and stretching out his hands toward this house, <sup>30</sup> then hear from heaven your dwelling place and forgive and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways, for you, you only, know the hearts of the children of mankind, <sup>31</sup> that they may fear you and walk in your ways all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our fathers.

<sup>32</sup> "Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for the sake of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm, when he comes and prays toward this house, <sup>33</sup> hear from heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.

<sup>34</sup> "If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to you toward this city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, <sup>35</sup> then hear from heaven their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause.

<sup>36</sup> "If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near, <sup>37</sup> yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,' <sup>38</sup> if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity to which they were carried captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, <sup>39</sup> then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you. <sup>40</sup> Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

<sup>41</sup> "And now arise, O LORD God, and go to your resting place,

you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation,

and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.

<sup>42</sup> O LORD God, do not turn away the face of your anointed one!

Remember your steadfast love for David your servant."



## Overcoming the World

**5** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

## Testimony Concerning the Son of God

**6** This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. **7** For there are three that testify: **8** the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. **9** If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. **10** Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. **11** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## That You May Know

**13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**16** If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. **17** All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

**18** We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

**19** We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

**20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.



# HABAKKUK 1

1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

## Habakkuk's Complaint

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity,

and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law is paralyzed,

and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;

so justice goes forth perverted.

## The LORD's Answer

<sup>5</sup> "Look among the nations, and see;

wonder and be astounded.

For I am doing a work in your days

that you would not believe if told.

<sup>6</sup> For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,

that bitter and hasty nation,

who march through the breadth of the earth,

to seize dwellings not their own.

7 They are dreaded and fearsome;  
their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.

8 Their horses are swifter than leopards,  
more fierce than the evening wolves;  
their horsemen press proudly on.

Their horsemen come from afar;  
they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

9 They all come for violence,  
all their faces forward.  
They gather captives like sand.

10 At kings they scoff,  
and at rulers they laugh.  
They laugh at every fortress,  
for they pile up earth and take it.

11 Then they sweep by like the wind and go on,  
guilty men, whose own might is their god!"

### **Habakkuk's Second Complaint**

12 Are you not from everlasting,  
O LORD my God, my Holy One?  
We shall not die.  
O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment,  
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil  
and cannot look at wrong,  
why do you idly look at traitors  
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up

the man more righteous than he?

14 You make mankind like the fish of the sea,  
like crawling things that have no ruler.

15 He brings all of them up with a hook;  
he drags them out with his net;  
he gathers them in his dragnet;  
so he rejoices and is glad.

16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net  
and makes offerings to his dragnet;  
for by them he lives in luxury,  
and his food is rich.

17 Is he then to keep on emptying his net  
and mercilessly killing nations forever?

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**JOURNAL A PRAYER TO THE LORD FROM YOUR READING TODAY.**