

Faith in Fearful Times, Part 3
Habakkuk 3

Getting Started

- ❖ This October is shaping up to be a momentous time in the life of our church. Spend time at the beginning of your group time praying specifically for two things: That our church will respond to the call to spread the gospel through our faith promise missions ministry AND that God would work His will in our church as we approach a congregational vote on the sale of our property.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read Habakkuk 3** and let's discuss some aspects of the text and sermon
 - Compare the tone of Habakkuk 3 to Habakkuk 1. How are they similar and how are they different?
 - Compare verse 1 to Psalms 29:2; 33:8; 99:5. Discuss among yourself what being in awe of God looks like in your life. What helps you get into the right frame of mind to magnify God and honor Him as our Sovereign Lord?
 - Discuss verses 1-2 in light of the following comment from D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones: *Our troubles can nearly all be traced to our persistence in looking at the immediate problems themselves, instead of looking at them in the light of God.*
 - Verses 3-15 are a recounting of God's work and goodness towards Israel. This week's Takeaway Truth stressed **"To move forward in our faith, we must remember our past and recount what God has done.** Take an extended time this week remembering and recounting to one another things that God has done in your life which demonstrate His character and His goodness towards you.
 - Jerry pointed out that the point of the metaphor in verse 19 is that God uses fearful and troubling times in our lives to "push us to the high places". What are the benefits to us in this? How is this uncomfortable and troubling?

Apply It!

- ❖ How would you describe your prayer life, is it more "me-oriented" in its agenda or aligning with God's will?
- ❖ What do you believe would need to change in your prayer life for it to become more effective?
- ❖ What were your biggest takeaways from this series of messages in Habakkuk? What spoke to you or impacted you the most?

Think About It!

This is what Christians are called to do week by week in corporate worship. Through the liturgy of worship, we rehearse the Gospel and remember God's actions throughout history. We worship weekly because we need a regular reminder of who this God is and what he has done. (Travis Scott, Faithful Doubt)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

October 4, 2020 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SONGS

FOUND IN YOU

Words and Music by Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, and Paul Baloche, 2013

We're reaching out to welcome You God.
Fill this place again with Your song.
Flood our thoughts with wonder and awe.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

*All we want and all we need is found in You, found in You.
Jesus, every victory is found in You, found in You.*

Open wide our hearts now to Yours.
Every fear bow down to Your love,
that we would see like never before.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

In your presence there is freedom.
In your presence we are made whole.

CORNERSTONE

Words by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote / Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Will Bradberry, 2011

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong
in the Savior's love. Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone; faultless, stand before the throne.

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Words by Dustin Kensrue, 2012 / Traditional Scottish Folk Tune

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain, its builders rise.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist than vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ.

*All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above,
Who is Himself our daily bread; praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
we'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ.

When on that day the great I Am, the faithful and the true;
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall ere his people be; all glory be to Christ.

SOMETIMES A LIGHT SURPRISES

Words by William Cowper, 1779

Music by Paxson and Allison Jeancake, 2011

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings.
When comforts are declining He grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing, but He will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people too.
Beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed;
and He who feeds the ravens will give His children bread.

Nor vine nor fig tree, neither their wonted fruit shall bear;
though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet God the same abideth, His praise shall tune my voice,
for while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 103; Hosea 5:8-6:6; 1 Cor. 2:6-16; Matt. 14:1-12

MONDAY | Ps. 5; Hosea 6:7-7:7; Acts 22:30-23:11; Luke 6:39-49

TUESDAY | Ps. 102; Hosea 7:8-16; Acts 23:12-24; Luke 7:1-17

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 33; Hosea 8:1-14; Acts 23:23-35; Luke 7:18-35

THURSDAY | Ps. 16; Hosea 9:1-9; Acts 24:1-23; Luke 7:36-50

FRIDAY | Ps. 51; Hosea 9:10-17; Acts 24:24-25:12; Luke 8:1-15

SATURDAY | Ps. 98; Hosea 10:1-15; Acts 25:13-27; Luke 8:16-25

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord Jesus, we are like a vineyard which you have planted;
help us, by your grace, to produce kingdom fruit
through lives wholly devoted to you.

May we regard everything as loss compared
to the surpassing value of knowing you as our Lord.

You are the cornerstone, our solid foundation.

Use us for your purposes. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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