

## **Habakkuk 3**

### **Worshipping and Witnessing**

#### **Introduction: Worship & Prayer (v 1, 19c)**

1. Habakkuk has Heard God's Answer: He worships and prays → Written and Descriptive
2. *Shigionoth*? What is that? Prayer to be used in Worship

#### **Faithfully Turning to God in Worship & Prayer (v 2)**

##### The Honest Prayer (v 2a)

1. Habakkuk Submits to God's Revelation
2. Habakkuk is afraid of the Lord's Work (**1:5-6a**)
3. The Holy Fear of God & The Holy Faith in God
4. These are Not Opposites: We can speak fears to God

##### The Drive Behind Prayer (v 2b)

1. The Truth of God Pushes Us To Prayer
2. Literally *Him*, not *It* (**Go Back to Habakkuk 2:4**)
3. Now Lord, Awaken Your Command – Revive Him  
Who Lives by the Faith God Supplies

##### The Basis of Faithful Prayer (v 2c)

1. Remember Mercy – God's Character
2. Soften the blow of Judgment against Judah
3. Praying truths about God, BACK to God

#### **Truth Which Pulls Us Into Prayer (vv 3-15)**

##### The Structure vv 3-7 (He, His), vv 8-15 (You, Your)

##### The History & Background of Habakkuk's Prayers

1. Yahweh Keeps Covenant – Sinai (v 3a)
2. Yahweh, not Shamash, Rules the Heavens (vv 3b-4)
3. Yahweh, not Resheph, controls Pestilence (v 5)
4. Yahweh, not Babylon, Rules the Earth (vv 6-15)
  - a. Judgment and Mercy – Salvation of the King and Crushing the Head of the Enemy **Gen 3:15**

##### The Meditation & Reflection

1. Our God is Powerful and Majestic
2. Tremble before the God Who Comes to Fight For Us
3. God's Wrath and Mercy Mingle when He Comes
4. The Cross: Ultimate Place God's Wrath & Mercy Meet

#### **Habakkuk's Faith in God, Who Saves (vv 16-19)**

##### Trembling & Trusting: Belief God's Judgment Is Sure (v 16)

1. *And Yet...* (**vv 16, 18**)
2. In Tumult, Faith Can Grow (**see 3:2, 1:5-6; James 1**)
3. The Just Shall Live By Faith (**see Habakkuk 2:4b**)

##### Complete Economic Collapse: When All Is Gone (v 17)

1. The False Teaching Inside Christian Circles: The Prosperity Gospel (Is NO Gospel)
2. In this world, You May Face Impoverishment
3. In this world, You May Face Devastation
4. What Will Be Your Response?

##### Yet I Rejoice: God Is Not Gone (v 18)

1. What This Is Not
  - a. Not Acquiescence to His Plight
  - b. Not Fatalistic Endurance
  - c. Not Escapism or Denial
  - d. Not Stoicism – *I can grit my teeth and bear it*
  - e. Not *This Shall Pass* Attitude
  - f. Not *Look on the Bright Side* Attitude
2. What This Is
  - a. POSITIVE Joy in God in the Midst of Pain
  - b. Enjoyment of God! (*He is My Strength*)
  - c. When Suffering, Do You Enjoy God or Shake Your Fist?

##### Why? God Is Enough (v 19)

1. God is Our Rescuer; *My Strength!*
2. God is Our Enabler – *He makes us Dance like Deer!*
3. EX: David – **Psalms 73:23**
4. EX: Jesus – *With the Joy Set Before Him... He Endured the Cross (Why Do You Forsake Me... YET Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit)*

#### **Main Idea of Habakkuk 3**

**We, as believers, can rejoice in faith and worship Christ, even in the midst of pain and judgment because the Lord fights for us and is mercifully for us.**