

Habakkuk: Turning Fret into Faith

Session 7

Habakkuk 3:1-19

I. Gathering Consideration

II. Habakkuk's Prayer – v. 3:1-19

A. Lyrical Description (v. 1)

¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

B. Passive Knowledge of God's Work (v. 2)

² O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

C. The Salvation of the LORD (v. 3-15)

1. Passage from Egypt (v. 3)

³ God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. (Selah)

2. Presence made manifest (v. 4)

⁴ His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power.

3. Paralyzing Egypt and Canaan (v. 5-7)

⁵ Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels.

⁶ He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways.

⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

4. Parting of boundaries (v. 8-10)

a. The Waters

⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation?

⁹ You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. (Selah)

You split the earth with rivers.

b. *The Mountains*

¹⁰ The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high.

5. Promised and performed power (v. 11-15)

a. *Through Your servant, Joshua*

¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear.

¹² You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger.

b. *Through Your servants, the Judges*

¹³ You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. (Selah)

¹⁴ You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.

¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters.

D. Personal Knowledge of God's Work (v. 16-19a)

1. Waiting patiently

¹⁶ I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

2. Watching joyfully

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

3. Worshipping dependently

¹⁹ GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

E. Musical Direction (v. 19b)

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

III. Closing Considerations