

Habakkuk 3:1-19
Really... Rejoice?
When joy is chosen beyond circumstances!

Topic: Worship!

Question: How can faith truly worship God when life falls apart?

Answer: By remembering God's faithfulness, beholding His power, and rejoicing in His salvation.

Purpose: To learn how genuine worship can transform fear into faith by focusing on who God is rather than on what they face—so that they, too, will choose to rejoice in the Lord even when circumstances do not change.

Context: Habakkuk 3 concludes the prophet's dialogue with God. After questioning divine justice and waiting for God's answer, Habakkuk responds not with argument but with adoration. This final chapter is a poetic prayer—a psalm—that shows how faith moves from confusion to confidence, from fear to worship.

Background: Habakkuk ministered in Judah during a time of moral decay and impending judgment, around the late 7th century B.C. God had revealed that He would use the Babylonians (Chaldeans) to discipline His people—a revelation that deeply troubled the prophet. Through a process of wrestling and revelation, Habakkuk learned that “the righteous shall live by his faith” (2:4). Chapter 3 is his climactic response: a worshipful prayer recalling God's mighty acts of the past, recognizing His present power, and rejoicing in His future salvation.

Big Idea: True worship focuses on our glorious God and produces greater faith, joy, and strength in the believer

I. Prayer - God's Faithfulness Remembered (1–2)

Faith looks backward to what God has done.

- A. Prayer Acknowledges God's Sovereignty
- B. Prayer Appeals to God's Character

II. Praise – God's Power Revealed (3–15)

Faith looks upward to who God is.

- A. The Redeemer's Coming (3-7)
- B. The Redeemer's Conquest (8-15)
 - 1. Conquest over Nature (8-11)
 - 2. Conquest over Nations (12-15)

III. Pledge – Rejoice in God's Salvation (16-19)

Faith looks forward to what God will do.

- A. Faith That Trembles but Trusts (16)
- B. Faith That Rejoices Despite Loss (17-18)
- C. Faith That Finds Strength in God (19)

Application:

- Admit your fears but trust God's timing.
- Choose joy in God, not your situation
- Let God be your strength.

Habakkuk: Babylon's Destruction						
Judah: 612 – 586 BC (some believe 607-605 BC)						
God's Actions Challenged				God's Actions Commended		
Doubting	Debating God			Defending God		
Prophets' First Complaint		Prophets' Second Complaint		Prophets' Prayer of Trust		
Question of God's Inactivity		Question of God's Inconsistency		Affirming God's Sovereignty and Faithfulness		
Habakkuk	God	Habakkuk	God	Habakkuk		
Why aren't you judging Judah's sin, God?	I will. I'll judge Judah with the Babylonians!	But can you use a nation more wicked than Judah?	Sure, but I'll judge them too.	Prayer	Praise	Pledge
				In wrath remember mercy.	Our God is an awesome God!	I'll wait patiently & rejoice
1:1-4	1:5-11	1:12–2:1	2:2-20	3:1-2	3:3-15	3:16-19
Problem: Faith Troubled			Resolution: Faith Triumphant			
Key Verse: Hab 2:4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.						