



HABAKKUK 3:1-19

GETTING STARTED...

Have you ever been left on “read”? One of the modern annoyances that people have is texting someone only to be ghosted and not hear anything back. In this short book, God and Habakkuk have been speaking and God has laid out his plan to deal with evil for Habakkuk and now we finally get to see Habakkuk’s response. He has taken his time and composed a proper response to everything that God has told him, not only about his own nation but how God will deal with evil. And what we find is that Habakkuk’s response is filled with hope, trust and faith in God. While it is a challenging response, Habakkuk clearly recognizes that God is in control of all things, and no matter his present circumstances he can trust in Him. While we live in a different day, we have the same hope in God no matter what else is going on around us, our hope is firmly fixed in the sovereignty of God over evil.

READ THE TEXT: HABAKKUK 3:1-19

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.
19 God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.
To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Put into your own words how Habakkuk responds to God's answer to the problem of evil? He has three sections to his answer, what are they?
2. Verse 17-19 represent a quiet trust in the Lord, what in this passage shows us where he leans his trust?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been applying to your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. Think back to the last major crisis you went through. Possibly it was in your marriage...or a financial situation...or a health issue...or a family conflict. What role did your faith in God play in helping you to navigate this situation?
6. Habakkuk spends a lot of time focused on God's historical actions, how does seeing God's power in the past give us hope for the future? How can we maintain a focus on God's great power in our lives?
7. What would our modern equivalent be for trusting God when there is no "fruit on the vines"? Share an example of someone you have seen trust in God through trials. What kept them centered on God when things were taken away from them?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*