

I. Introduction – a prayer for hard times.II. Pray. v. 1-2 Acts 2:42

- A. Humbly approach the LORD with reverent fear. v. 2a Job 42:1ff Ps. 77:2 Pr. 1:7
  - 1. Habakkuk is a changed man. 1:2,13
  - 2. God alone is “Awesome”. Isa. 6:1ff
  - 3. Praise God for Who He is and what He does. Acts 4:24ff Ps. 44 78
- B. Pray for revival. v. 2b Ps. 85:6 119:25,37,40,50,88,93,107,149,154,156,159 Hos. 6:2
  - 1. Notice what Habakkuk doesn’t ask. Mt. 6:10 1 Jo. 5:14
  - 2. Judah was in great need of revival.
  - 3. We need revival – our nation, our church and ourselves.
  - 4. Revival comes through Divine intervention, not human contrivance.
  - 5. God uses means to accomplish revival. Js. 1:18
- C. Plead with God to remember His covenant and show mercy. 1:12 Ex. 2:24 6:5
  - 1. Habakkuk begs God to remember His covenant mercy. Ex. 2:24 Ps. 103:13 116:5  
Dt. 30:1-3 Isa. 14:1 49:15 54:8 55:7 Lam. 3:32 1 Ki. 8:50 Hos. 1:7 Mic. 7:19
  - 2. God mercifully remembers and revives His people. Deut. 30:3 Daniel 9:1ff
  - 3. Jesus came because God remembered His covenant mercy. Luke 1:54

III. Remember. v. 3-15

- A. When your faith is tried, remember Who God is, what He has done, and what He has promised. Ps. 77:11f
- B. Habakkuk’s vision recalls God’s past great works of deliverance and anticipates His future work to deliver His people from Babylon. v. 3-15
  - 1. A song for Judah during the exile – God fights for His people.
  - 2. God comes forth in awesome splendor on behalf of His covenant people. v. 3-7 2:14  
Ex. 19:16f 5:3 Ps. 68:7 8:1 97:4-5 90:2 Nah. 1:5 Dt. 33:2 32:24 28:21
  - 3. God saves His people and judges His enemies. v. 8-15 Isa. 66:15 34:1-10 51:9-10  
63:1-6 Zech. 9:14 Ps. 77:16f 20:6 119:166,174 118:14 Jonah 2:9
- C. How does this vision of God help Habakkuk and the Jewish remnant?
  - 1. Just as God miraculously delivered His people out of Egypt, He will bring His people back from Babylon and establish them in the land. Deut. 33:2
  - 2. Just as God judged Pharaoh (and Goliath), He will crush the Babylonian oppressors. v.12b-15
  - 3. During the hard days of exile they must live by faith in these spiritual realities. 2:4
- D. How does Habakkuk’s vision help us thousands of years later? Ps. 28:8
  - 1. We too gain comfort as we recall God’s great works of faithfulness to His people and His judgement of the wicked.

2. We have far more to remember than Habakkuk did.
  - a. What God promised came to pass in history (539 BC).
  - b. Christ has come, bringing salvation to His people and assuring defeat for God's enemies. Gal. 4:4 3:13-14 Heb. 1:3 2:14-15 2 Co. 4:6 1 Jo. 3:8
  - c. Christ is with His people in this age. Mt. 16:18 28
  - d. Our Savior will come again bringing final deliverance and judgment as He establishes His righteous kingdom forever. Rev. 1:7 II Pe. 3:10
3. We walk by faith, not sight. 2:4 2 Co. 4:18 5:7
4. Did Habakkuk realize that he was pointing beyond the return from exile to the coming of Christ? v. 13,18 2:14 I Pe. 1:10-12 Ro. 1:2 3:21 14-15 Lu. 24:44f

#### IV. Trust. v. 16-19

- A. Habakkuk is transformed from fear to faith.
  1. God's plan hasn't changed, but Habakkuk's attitude has changed.
  2. God's glory and His coming chastisement upon Israel causes Habakkuk to tremble. v. 16 Isa. 6:1ff
  3. He learns to rejoice in the LORD in spite of the worst of circumstances. v. 17-18 Zeph. 3:14f Phil. 4:4f Zech. 9:9 Isa. 66:10
  4. The LORD God is his strength. v. 19 Ps. 18:32-33 Ex. 15:2,13 Isa. 40:29-31
- B. You too can live above your circumstances by faith. Ps. 20:1 I John 5:4 4:18
  1. You will experience distress in this world. v. 16-17 John 16:33 II Ti. 3:12
  2. Instead of being overwhelmed by earthly circumstances, rejoice in your God and Savior. v. 18 Phil. 4:4-5,11-13 Mt. 4:4 2 Co. 12:10
  3. He will make you strong. v. 19 Phil. 4:13 Ps. 18:33

#### V. Concluding Applications.

- A. Don't face trouble in the world's way.
- B. Overcome fear with faith. 2:4 Job 13:15

#### Discussion Questions

1. How has Habakkuk's attitude changed from the first chapter?
2. Who is awesome? Is it right to say that other things or beings are awesome?
3. Should we hope for revival in our day?
4. What should you do when you face doubts in your faith?
5. How does recalling God's great acts from the past help us in the present?
6. To what events does Habakkuk's vision point?
7. How does our text point to Christ?
8. Why does Habakkuk tremble?
9. How can Habakkuk rejoice in spite of the trouble which is coming?
10. How can you have joy no matter what your life's circumstances?