

# Habakkuk: From Protest to Praise – In Wrath, Remember Mercy Habakkuk 3:1-15

## INTRODUCTION

Please turn in your Bible to **Habakkuk 3:1-15**. We find a lot of bad news in **Habakkuk 1-2**. But **Habakkuk 3** is full of good news. The book ends on a note of hope and praise. **How did the prophet move from his initial worry and fear to a place of confidence, joy and praise?** How did he get there when nothing around him has changed? The people are still mocking God, violence still fills the streets, and the Babylonians are still coming to Jerusalem. Outwardly everything is just as messed up as it was in the beginning. Yet Habakkuk the man has changed on the inside. How did that happen? This chapter gives us the answer.

The outline is very simple. **Habakkuk 3** consists of...

- A \_\_\_\_\_ – 3:1-2
- A \_\_\_\_\_ – 3:3-15
- A \_\_\_\_\_ – 3:16-19

We will consider two of the three this morning.

*Let's dig in...*

### I. A \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-2)

*What can we learn from Habakkuk's prayer?*

A. Approach God in an \_\_\_\_\_  
of worship (3:1-2a)

*Through his prayer, Habakkuk instructs us to...*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for who He is

*Through his prayer, Habakkuk instructs us to...*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God for what He has done

Worship is one of the key stops that you make again and again on the journey from doubt to faith.

B. Ask God to \_\_\_\_\_ His deeds in the present (3:2b)

1. We should be \_\_\_\_\_ for personal and corporate revival

2. We should be praying for God in His wrath to \_\_\_\_\_ mercy

*So, the chapter begins with a prayer and then includes a...*

**II. A \_\_\_\_\_ (3:3-15)**

*Two parts to this vision...*

**A. A word of \_\_\_\_\_: God conquers  
all enemies in His path**

*So we see a word of warning but there's also...*

**B. A word of \_\_\_\_\_: God  
comes to deliver His people**

## **CONCLUSION**

What can we take with us this morning?

- **There is a difference between \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God and knowing the God of the word.**
- **The path from doubt to trust, from confusion to clarity, from fear to faith, from worry to worship includes an \_\_\_\_\_ to God in prayer**
- **We must \_\_\_\_\_ and we must \_\_\_\_\_ that God's wrath and God's mercy are real**

The greatest example of God in wrath remembering mercy took place at the cross. There God poured out His wrath against sin upon His own Son in order that He might show mercy to sinners who would put their faith in Christ.

**Wrath and mercy meet at the cross –**

- **Romans 5:6-8**

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Like Habakkuk, let us recognize the matchless majesty and holiness of God and join the prophet in saying, *“In your wrath, remember mercy.”*