

**I. Introduction and review: How can you increase your faith? v. 1**

**II. Pray. v. 2**

**A. Humbly approach the LORD. Job 42:1-6**

1. Habakkuk's attitude has changed. No more arguments, excuses, or questioning of God's ways. 1:2,12 2:20
2. Remember Who God is and who you are.
  - a. Do not compare yourself to other people. 1:13 Lu. 18:10-11
  - b. You have no claim on God. Lu. 18:12
3. What should be the attitude of our nation? Our church?

**B. Fear and worship God.**

1. God alone is "Awesome".
2. Praise God for Whom He is and what He does. Ro. 11:36 Acts 4:24f
3. Fuel for praise may be found in the *report* of His deeds in Scripture. Ps. 44 78

**C. Ask for God to renew His work.**

1. Notice what Habakkuk does not ask.
2. Pray for God to send revival in our day: church, nation, individual.
3. Plead with God to remember His covenant and show mercy. 1:12 Luke 18:13-14 Dt. 30:1-3 Isa. 49:15 Lam. 3:32 Ex. 2:24 33:19 103:13.

**III. Remember. v. 3-15**

**A. Remembering God's attributes and acts is vital when your faith is tried. Ps. 77:11f**

1. Many of us struggle with doubt from time to time.
2. Our faith rests on the realities of Who God is and what He does in space and time
3. Your faith will be enriched as you reflect upon God's great deeds of the past.

**B. Habakkuk builds up faith by recalling God's great works. Zech. 9:14 Ps. 77:16f**

1. The vision recalls God's great work of deliverance in the Exodus and anticipates future deliverance from Babylon.
2. God appears in awesome splendor and might. v. 3-7 2:14 Ex. 19:16f 5:3 Nah. 1:5 Ps. 68:7 8:1 97:4-5 Deut. 33:2 32:24 Ps. 90:2
3. God saves His people and judges His enemies. v.8-15 Is. 66:15 34:1f 51:9-10 63:1f

**C. How does this vision of God help Habakkuk and the Jewish remnant? IICo. 4:18 5:7**

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, 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.

**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.
2. We have far more to remember than Habakkuk did.
  - a. Christ has come bringing salvation to His people and defeat to God's enemies.
  - b. 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. Did Habakkuk realize he was pointing to the coming of Christ? v. 13,18 2:14 I Pe. 1:10-12 Ro. 1:2 3:21 Lu. 24:44f Re. 16:18-19 Zech. 14:4

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

##### **A. Habakkuk is transformed from fear to faith.**

- 1. God's chastisement upon Israel makes him tremble. v. 16 Job 42**
- 2. 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**
- 3. 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**
- 3. He will make you strong. v. 19**

#### **V. Concluding Applications.**

##### **A. Don't face trouble in the world's way.**

##### **B. Overcome fear with faith: Pray, Remember, Trust. 2:4 Job 13:15**

#### **Discussion Questions for Family Worship.**

- 1. How has Habakkuk's attitude changed from the first chapter?**
- 2. Who is awesome? Is it right to say 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?**