

FEAR, FAITH, AND WORSHIP

HABAKKUK 3

4/28/24

Habakkuk 3:1-2 - "A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. 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."

I. HABAKKUK'S FEAR

- A. Habakkuk's fear was submissive not abusive**
- B. Weak Christianity = a lack of fear for God**
- C. We deepen our fear of God by seeing Him clearly in His word**

II. HABAKKUK'S FAITH

Habakkuk 3:17-19 - "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, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. 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."

- A. Faith is unnatural (defies logic)**
- B. Faith requires God's strength**
- C. Faith was in his coming salvation**

III. HABAKKUK'S WORSHIP

- A. The book opens in distress and ends in praise and worship to God**
- B. Worship is about ascribing worth to God**

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you about the message this week? What challenged your thinking?
2. Habakkuk is an often-overlooked book. What have you gleaned from our time in Habakkuk that has impacted your life?
3. Why is it important for us to understand the “Fear” of God? How can we misunderstand the fear of God?
4. What do you do to keep your faith strong in the midst of trials and uncertainty?
5. Why was it important for Habakkuk to declare “God is my strength”? How has God strengthened your faith in difficult days or circumstances?
6. Habakkuk ends his book by worshipping God. Is there a situation in your life that required you to walk by faith...and how did it inspire you to worship God deeper?
7. Habakkuk rejoiced in his salvation by God...how can we rejoice in our salvation today?

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

- This week is the National Day of Prayer on Thursday.
 - Pray for our church to be a light in the city of Erie and our Community. Pray that God would bring salvation to our church!
 - Pray for our nation that people would encounter the God who rules over everything.
 - Pray for our military that they would be safe as our world escalates. Pray for the families they have left behind to protect our freedoms.
 - Pray for our government officials...whether we agree or not we are commanded to pray for them (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Pray that they would uphold justice.
 - Pray for Israel that God would protect them as a nation.
Psalm 122:6 - “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!”