



"I Will Quietly Wait"

Habakkuk 3:1-16

February 2, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. If you could travel back in time and be personally present to observe any of God's works, which would it be? Why?

QUICK REVIEW

As the prophet Habakkuk stood in Jerusalem and pondered the state of his nation, Judah, he must have been dumbfounded. So much evil thrived, completely in the open. Learning God's plan to use the wicked, cruel Babylonians of Chaldea, Habakkuk's turmoil was only deepened and made worse. Habakkuk was at wits' end, and he cried out to God with his struggle. God answered with truth that speaks into the believers' struggle with evil in every age. Habakkuk 3 records the prophet's personal response to the historic work of God as he continues to process all he has heard from God.

Read Habakkuk 3:1-16

Four Aspects of Spiritual Growth at Wits' End:

1. It's a Matter of _____ (3:1-2)
2. It's a Matter of _____ (3:3-7)
3. It's a Matter of _____ (3:8-16a)
4. It's a Matter of _____ (3:16b)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Habakkuk chapter 3 is the fruit of the prophet's deep, careful concentration on the word of God. How has this prolonged meditation produced change in Habakkuk? How do you see chapter 3 differing from what we've read in chapters 1-2.
2. Read Psalm 1. What benefits come to the one who carefully meditates on the word of the Lord according to this Psalm? How have you experienced it in your own life?
3. Notice beginning in verse 8 how Habakkuk is no longer talking "about" God but "to" God. What does this tell you about his relationship with God?
4. Verse 16 displays a breakthrough of faith for Habakkuk. What does Habakkuk resolve to do? How is Habakkuk 3:16 similar to the instruction of Psalm 37:1-11?
5. Habakkuk 3:2 & 16 reveal the prophet's fear and trembling before the Lord. Do we as a contemporary church experience enough of that? In what ways have you seen such serious understanding and reverence? In what ways have you seen the opposite with flippancy or frivolity among God's people?
6. How is Habakkuk's prayer in 3:2 answered at the cross of Christ? How would you explain it?