

Surviving Suffering



Habakkuk 3 Expectant Praise

Intro: What makes you praise and thank God? How often is it circumstances? How often is something to do with God himself?

Read Habakkuk 3:1-2

What strikes you about Habakkuk's prayer?

Compare this prayer to the prayers of ch1 (*re-read 1 v2-3 and v13*)

⇒ What has changed?

What do you imagine was Habakkuk's posture in ch1 and in ch3?
[Sitting, standing, kneeling, walking around, face down?]

Read Habakkuk 3:3-15

What strikes you in this word picture of God?

What truths does it remind us of, about God?

What do v13-14 tell us about how God has used his power in the past?

Read Habakkuk 3:16-19

How does Habakkuk respond to God's awesomeness?

v16

v17-18

v19

What does this focus on God do to Habakkuk's outlook on his circumstances?

What do we learn here (and in the book) about prayer?

What do we learn about rejoicing 'in the Lord always' (to quote Philippians 4)?

Prayer

- Thank God for his awesome deeds in the past to deliver his people, most of all in Jesus.
- Rejoice in who God is in himself, praise him.
- Pray for mercy in different situations in the world, and for the faith and the faithfulness to patiently wait for God's promises.