

## Habakkuk - Life's Questions

### The Question of Mercy

#### Habakkuk 3:1-19

#### Introduction - What do you do when calamity seem inevitable?

Give up and quit, Blame others and God, Get Angry,

*Corrie Ten Boom* -

*"If you look at the world, you will be distressed*

*If you look within yourself, you will be depressed*

*BUT if you look to God, you will be at rest"*

Habakkuk's response in **chapter 3**

#### I. He called upon the Lord in PRAYER

**1-2**

##### A. Revive your work in us

Note - your work not ours

##### B. In wrath remember mercy

The wrath was earned

The mercy is grace

#### II. He remembered the mighty works of God in PRAISE

**3-15**

This appears to be a song - with many references to God's power

(Read as a poem or words of a song)

##### A. As a conquering Warrior

Conquering all with radiant splendor

Conquering all as unstoppable force

Plaque and Pestilence

##### B. As a sovereign Ruler

Overcoming Rivers, Mountains, Sun and Moon

Supreme over nations and all people

##### C. Many pictures of the victories of God

Defeating Egypt with plagues

Parting the Red sea

Providing water from the rocks

Parting the river Jordan

Defeating the nations in Canaan

#### III. He restated his faith in a PROCLAMATION

**16-19**

##### A. Admitting to himself and God his weakness

He trembled before the power of God

He submitted to the will and timing of God

##### B. He made a vow of unwavering confidence in God

His confidence was not in crops, or flocks

*Though vine nor fig tree neither  
Their wonted fruit shall bear,  
Though all the field should wither,  
Nor flocks nor herds be there:*

*Yet God the same abiding  
His praise shall tune my voice;  
For, while in Him confiding,  
I cannot but rejoice.*

#### C. He professed his trust in the Lord

For his salvation - even in the storms of life

For his strength - even when his was gone

For his stability - even when the world was a rocky crag

As a deer runs on the mountains

### What are we to do in the face of certain calamity?

#### 1. Realize that God is omniscient

We are instruments in His powerful hands

To show His power in deliverance

To show His power in endurance

#### 2. Remember God's greatness

Revisit the milestones of His love in your life

Relive the power of His salvation

God is like the Sun - Too awesome to view but

Too powerful to miss

#### 3. Reaffirm your faith in God

Prepare for the storms - store up provisions

Resolve to exalt God no matter what comes

Write down a praise list for a rainy day

Write out your faith to reread over and over

Underline scriptures that give your strength

No revival without "reBible"

#### 4. Rest is the assurance that God is still on the throne

The righteous shall live by faith and rest in faith

Trust Him to guide your steps on the rocky heights

Change you worry into worship

### What are you facing today that looks to be impossible?

*Can you:*

*Trust in the Almighty God*

*Think of what He has done for you*

*Tenaciously hold on to your faith*

*Trust yourself into His hands*