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The Book of Habakkuk

Hab. 3:16-19

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The wounded head - Gen. 3:15, Psa. 68:21-23, Rev. 13:3, 12

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C. Faith Soars, 3:16-19

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1. Trembling, 3:16

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Ex. 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, **stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Ruth 3:18 Then said she, **Sit still**, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

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Psa. 46:10 **Be still**, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

•STAND STILL

•SIT STILL

•BE STILL

2. Trusting, 3:17-19

a. Irreversible Judgment, 3:17

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Psa. 18:46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be **my rock**; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Psa. 25:1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 **O my God, I trust in thee**: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 **Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.**

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; **on thee do I wait all the day.**

Job 13:15 **Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him**: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Prov. 3:5 **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart**; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

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b. Irrepressible Joy, 3:18-19

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19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

Psa. 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psa. 31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

Ps 32:11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

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Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Lu. 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather **rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

1 Thess. 5:16 **Rejoice evermore.**

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Pet. 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, **ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

(See Isa. 12, Ex. 15, Psa. 118, Mk. 14:26, Acts 16:19ff – singing even when facing tough times)

(Israel – 2nd Coming – Isa. 41:16, 61:10, 65:8-14, Joel 2:18-23, Zeph. 3:11-14, Zech. 2:7-10, 10:6-7) **...Major Message**

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Neh. 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; **for the joy of the LORD is your strength.**

Phil. 4:13 **I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

Psa. 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: **he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.**

31 For who is God save the LORD? or **who is a rock save our God?**

32 **It is God that girdeth me with strength**, and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, **that my feet did not slip.**
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Warren Wiersbe – “Habakkuk teaches us to

- face our doubts and questions honestly
- take them humbly to the Lord
- wait for His Word to teach us
- worship Him no matter how we feel or what we see.”
- God does not always change the circumstances to fit us and our wants, but if we humbly submit to Him and His will, He will change us to have strength for the circumstances we face.

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Conclusion

1 Kgs. 19:11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but **the LORD was not in the wind**: and after the wind an earthquake; but **the LORD was not in the earthquake**:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but **the LORD was not in the fire**: and after the fire **a still small voice**.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

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Phil. 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 **I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but **I desire fruit that may abound to your account.**

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 But **my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

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