

Embracing faith must turn into something...must move | Times of destitution...move to worship

Here is the order we see in Scripture | **Complaint ⇒ Petition ⇒ Praise** | Where do we get stuck?

Chapter 1 we saw the complaint - Chapter 3 Habakkuk moves from petition to praise...**Today Petition**

What enlivens Habakkuk to move from Complaint to Petition to Praise? **AWE** | Not...Awe...bunnies

'Do I Fear' - 'I stand in Awe of your amazing works' | Uncommon...Allow Babylon to discipline – Destroy

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When was the last time you stood in Awe of the Lord for his discipline? Babylon = Agents of Ministry

Reverent Fear of God is lost in our whitewashed – emotionally driven – humanizing – Christianity

- Imminence – God cares about the details of our life – We can experience His intimate nearness

- Transcendence – God exists apart from us and is not subject to our limitations = Awesome

Habakkuk stands awe = God rights wrongs using wickedness of Babylonians produce Good | **BOTH**

Is it difficult for you to respect someone you have no reverence for? Habakkuk ⇒ Us...Perpetual State

¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. ² 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. **PRAY**

Prayer form of a Psalm – 'Shigionoth' - 'Selah' | Musical | Intercessory Prayer – Congregation/Behalf

- Prayer is a praise response **'taunt song'** – ¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

How Praise Displays our Awe: (Frames the whole prayer)

a. **Declares God's Glory** – Westminster = 'Chief end of man...Glorify God and Enjoy Him Forever'

b. **Demonstrates our Humility** – What better expression of humility is there than praise? **SPORTS**

c. **Directs our Ambition** – More difficult to wander into unrighteousness when your praising God

d. **Draws us Close** – Feel distant from God...Praise God | **Worship till it's right**

Today's: Revive – Reveal – Remember

1. **Stand in Awe of the: Full Measure of God's Power**

Ended - 2:20 - 'But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.'

The power of God will leave the earth silent – **Obnoxious Guy** | Father...Wrigley...Cardinals = That guy

When the full power of God is made manifest...there will be nothing to say

As the Prophet...We = Overpowered with Terror – Overwhelmed by Relief – Overcome with Joy

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Habakkuk heard report – God has laid out His plan | Israel will be disciplined...Babylon will fall = Awe

- Habakkuk also has heard and knows the report of old – Moses | Judges | Kings – **This is our God**

First part of petition: Revival | Fresh Manifestation of God's Power...as you have before

Just as you have in the past...do it again...revive your people...make yourself known...in our generation

'God I've heard what our ancestors say about you, and I'm in Awe...down on my knees in praise...Do among us what you did among them...work in us as you did among them!'

a) **Revival** - Not Big tent with thousands of people coming forward while they sing Come Ye Sinners

- But he says, God, revive it. **We need a noun...And what is the it? The powerful work of God**

And what is God's work? God's work, in this context and throughout Scripture, is his people

- We – those who were created for good. The nation of Israel was created for good works

The demonstration and acceptance of God's truth and love, that draws people to worship = Revival

- He's saying, God, even as you deal judgment for sin and justice for the wicked, revive your work.

God, revive your work - As you deal w/ our sin – As you discipline the proud and wicked, revive us

Full Measure of God's Power is Revealed in Revival – Wicked Nations Used – Catastrophe Used...

- **We think of revival as an external symbol of success – full auditoriums, beautiful buildings...**

We need to realize that God's revival is internal...that affects the external!

Revival doesn't start with nations – neighborhoods - next door | Revival starts with individuals

In revival God is not concerned about filling empty churches, He is concerned about filling empty hearts

Leonard Ravenhill

How does revival happen...when God reveals Himself...the second part of the petition...**REVEAL**

b) **Reveal.** "make it known" – Habakkuk just heard God, 'knowledge of his glory will cover the earth'
Meaning everyone will see God's glory - **Habakkuk is saying why wait God?**

- Your glory is what matters, so make it known! Make it known...in the midst of years...**let's go!**
Have you ever thought, 'God let's shut this down' | Middle of this play is terrible...draw the curtain
Others say...Because it's been so long and God hasn't revealed Himself...Bible must be bunk

I. **When the time for the end has come...it will be God alone who decides**

II. **In the meantime: God reveals: Power – Promise – Providence known all the time**

Jordan **'If God is real...come down here and tell me Himself' – 'He did...and you still don't believe'**

May we not be the generation who let's the God of Israel be forgotten

Habakkuk accepts God's plan for justice: Petitions...Revival...Reveal...3rd = Remember your mercy

2. **Stand in Awe of the: Full Measure of God's Pardon**

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The wrongs are real, but so is the compassion and desire of God to forgive = Beautiful

c) **Remember** – Habakkuk just heard...God's coming wrath against those who live opposed to him

- **And who deserves God's wrath?**

- *Babylonians?* Certainly! The undeniable wickedness of their ambitions against mankind

- *Israelites?* Absolutely! The political and religious rulers have all gone off...people forgotten

Remember, Habakkuk hears what God is going to do and he's in awe...but he's also afraid

Because God's wrath is terrifying and no one, alone, can escape it | **Remember you mercy...**

- Not...remember we're still better than the Babylonians – Some of us are still good

- Not...remember our deeds...**deeds are disaster** – **Who deserves God's wrath?** Habakkuk – I do

Habakkuk gets it...He deserves God's wrath – Where there is wrath of God...mercy for all who ask

I love it when something is so exquisite and powerful in its simplicity – In wrath remember mercy

- **It's the fullness of the Gospel in Four Words | LOOK AT THE CROSS – PREPETUAL STATE OF AWE**

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Complaint ⇒ Petition ⇒ Praise | **We must not get stuck!**

If you look at the world, you'll be distressed.

If you look within, you'll be depressed.

If you look at God you'll be at rest. - Corrie Ten Boom

We must be among the saints **'Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made Heaven and Earth...'** **Revelation 14:7**

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