


**Habakkuk 3** “A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

<sup>2</sup>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.

**James 2:8-13** “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

Click the image to watch the video Pastor Clifford shared (start at the [1:00:37](#) timestamp and ending at [1:12:00](#)). 



<sup>3</sup> God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah* His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

<sup>4</sup> His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power.

<sup>5</sup> Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels.

<sup>6</sup> He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways.

<sup>7</sup> I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

<sup>8</sup> Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation?

<sup>9</sup> You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. *Selah*



<sup>10</sup> The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high.

<sup>11</sup> The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear.

<sup>12</sup> You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger.

<sup>13</sup> You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah*

<sup>14</sup> You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. the surging of mighty waters.

<sup>15</sup> You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters.

<sup>16</sup> I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

### **Habakkuk Rejoices in the LORD**

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree should not blossom,

nor fruit be on the vines,

the produce of the olive fail

and the fields yield no food,

the flock be cut off from the fold

and there be no herd in the stalls,

<sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the LORD;

I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

<sup>19</sup> GOD, the Lord, is my strength;

he makes my feet like the deer's;

he makes me tread on my high places.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments."

### **THOUGH THE FIG TREE SHOULD NOT BLOSSOM**

Maybe your fig tree was:

- A failed relationship
- The loss of a loved one
- A rebellious child



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### *NOR FRUIT BE ON THE VINES*

No fruit on the vines:

- The inability to have children
- A business deal gone bad
- A failed marriage

### *THE PRODUCE OF THE OLIVE FAIL*

The produce of the olive fail:

- Failed expectations
- Unfulfilled dreams
- Rejection

### *AND THE FIELDS YIELD NO FOOD*

And the fields yield no food:

- Loss of a job
- An unrealized promotion
- A failed investment

### *THE FLOCK BE CUT OFF FROM THE FOLD*

The flock be cut off from the fold:

- The stock market plummets
- The economy crashes
- They foreclose on your home or auto

### *AND THERE BE NO HERD IN THE STALLS*

And there be no herd in the stalls:

- Your spiritual walk hits the bottom
- Prayer life is dead
- You begin to lose hope



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**Habakkuk 3:18-19** “Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
<sup>19</sup> GOD, the Lord, is my strength;”

**Romans 8:31-34** “What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us. <sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. <sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

