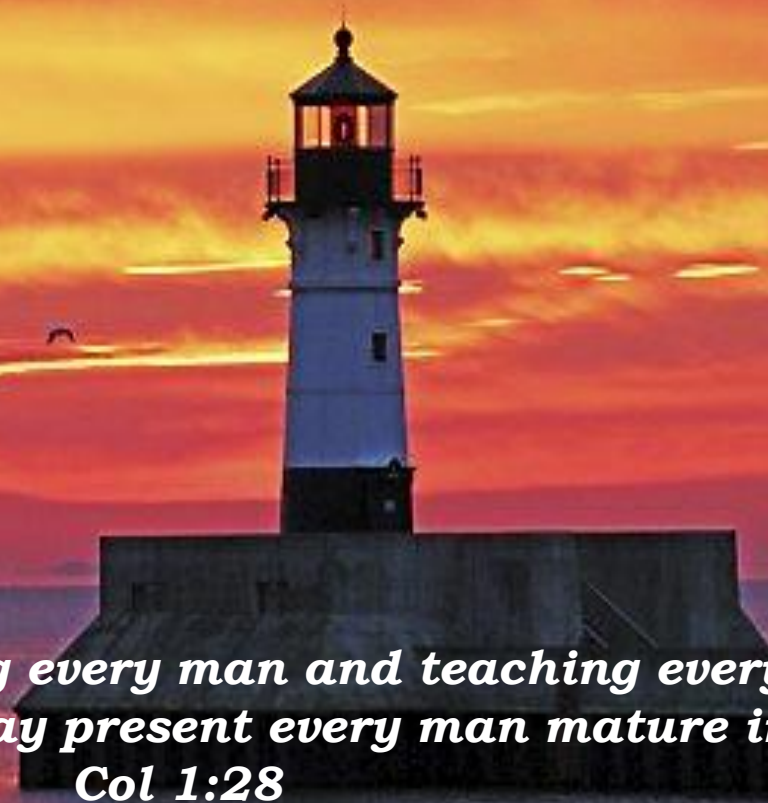


Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



***“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.”
Col 1:28***

“In Wrath Remember Mercy”

Habakkuk 3:1-7

July 26, 2026

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Map . . .



Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Gordion
MESHECH

ARARAT

Conquers

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Conquers

Raises up

Conquers

Tarsus

Earchemish

Nineveh

BETH-EDEN

ASSYRIA

MEDIA

Ecbatana

ELAM

Susa

Mediterranean Sea

Tyre

Damascus

Euphrates River

Babylon

Samaria

ISRAEL

Jerusalem

JUDAH

ARABIAN DESERT

BABYLONIA

Ur

Persian Gulf

EGYPT

Memphis

Red Sea

0

200

400 mi

0

200

400

600 km



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Chapter 1 – Habakkuk complains

Chapter 2 – Habakkuk waits

Chapter 3 – Habakkuk sings

- Habakkuk has been transformed in his prayer life by God's Word.
- Habakkuk is now singing the praises of God. "Let us not remain without song because affliction is upon us."

שִׁיגְיוֹן **Shiggayonah** (shig-gaw-yo-naw')

- a passionate song played on an instrument.

"A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet,

Set to wild, enthusiastic, and triumphal music.

- Amplified version

The Song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15:1–18, 21) – Sung after the Israelites miraculously cross the Red Sea.

The Song of the Well (Numbers 21:17–18) – A short song sung by the Israelites as they discover water.

The Song of Moses (Deuteronomy 32:1–43) – A song of witness taught to the Israelites before Moses' death.

The Song of Deborah (Judges 5:1–31) – A victory song celebrating the defeat of the Canaanite army.

The Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1–10) – Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving upon dedicating her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

David's Song of Deliverance (2 Samuel 22:1–51) – A song of praise for God rescuing David from his enemies (nearly identical to Psalm 18).

Song of the Vineyard (Isaiah 5:1–7) – A prophetic, allegorical song about God's vineyard (Israel).

The Song of Hezekiah (Isaiah 38:10–20) – Hezekiah's song of thanksgiving after recovering from a deadly illness.

The Prayer of Habakkuk (Habakkuk 3:1–19) – A prayer written in the form of a song, pleading for God's mercy and power.

Thematic Songbooks

Psalms – The largest collection of lyrics in the Bible, serving as the ancient hymnal of Israel.

Song of Solomon (Song of Songs) – A poetic collection of love songs. [[1](#), [2](#)]

New Testament Songs

Mary's song of praise (Luke 1:46–55) – upon learning she will give birth to Jesus.

Zechariah's prophetic song of praise (Luke 1:68–79) – at the birth of John the Baptist.

The song of the angels (Luke 2:14) – announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.

Simeon's song of praise (Luke 2:29–32) – when he sees the infant Jesus at the Temple.

A song of praise (Revelation 15:3–4) – sung by the victorious saints in heaven.

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- Habakkuk – “ Ok Lord, I hear what you are saying.”
- Habakkuk has a fear of God.

Ps 36:1

1 Transgression speaks to the ungodly within his heart;
There is no fear of God before his eyes.

Phil 2:12

12 Work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

- Habakkuk is afraid. Why? This is going to be a bloodbath.
- But Habakkuk doesn't argue or fight with God. He knows God is right in what He is doing.
- **“revive your work”** - Habakkuk asks God that during the years of this invasion and the punishment of Judah, He would send revival. Based on Gen. 12 – Ab. Cov.

“revive” - חַיָּה **chayah** (khaw-yaw') - to live, to have life, to quicken, to give life, to restore life.

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

- Leonard Ravenhill

“What’s your main worry in this world? . . . Are you hung up on all of the world events? Is politics the thing that worries you most? Are those the things that are the most troublesome to you? What is your main consciousness? Where is the area of your worry? What is it that you fear most of all? If you’re thinking like Habakkuk thought, you couldn’t care less about world events. . . .Your primary concern and mine ought to be for the glory of the almighty God, for the health and the condition of His church, for the future of His cause among men, and for my own relationship to Him. That should be infinitely more magnified than anything I care about in this world. “

- John MacArthur

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- Habakkuk knows and accepts the fact that God is going to exercise His wrath but he also knows that God is a merciful God.
- God is angry with our sin – we deserve his wrath. We do not deserve His mercy.

Rom 9:22-23

22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His **wrath** and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of **mercy**, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

- Revival will come, not because we deserve it, but because His mercy is great.
- Everything we have as believers is because of the grace and mercy of God.

Rom 11:22

22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God;

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- This is a Rom. 8:28 moment for Habakkuk.
- As Habakkuk prays for revival, he begins to praise the God who brings revival.
- **6 praises to God:**
 - 1. Teman and Mt. Paran** – the wilderness wanderings during which God demonstrated His great **power** preserving Israel in their journey to the promised land.

JERUSALEM

and
Surrounding Nations



3 God comes from Teman, And the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His splendor covers the heavens, And the earth is full of His praise.

“Selah” - סֶלָה **Celah** (seh'-law)- a rest in music, a pause, to stop and think about it, let it sink in, to weigh. 74 times in Psalms.

2. Creation - His **majesty** – seen in the incredible expanse of the universe and awe-inspiring creation of the earth and everything on it, which sings His praise.

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3. His appearance. Light, lightning, flashes.

Ex 19:16-18

16 So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and **lightning** flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

18 Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in **fire**;

Matt 24:27

27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Ps 104:2

2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak,

Rev 1:12-16

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;

13 and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.

14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a **flame of fire**.

15 His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.

16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the **sun shining** in its strength.

Rev 4:2-5

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

5 Out from the throne come **flashes of lightning** and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

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- We only see a fraction of His power.

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4. The plagues of Egypt.

Here is a demonstration of His wrath.

But within that wrath was the mercy of God protecting and delivering Israel.

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5. God takes down nations.

God surveys. He has a plan for all of the earth.

God shakes up godless nations.

Mountains are destroyed.

Hills disappear.

God and His ways are everlasting.

Ps 90:2

2 Before the mountains were born

Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

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6. Cushan and Median

Two nations that opposed God, stood in fear and trembling.

They shook with violent emotion.

Here are 2 nations that became evil and corrupt.

God dealt with them both in His wrath.

Application

1. Are you a person who, because of God's sovereignty, is calm in time of trouble or crises?
2. Do you have Rom. 8:28 moments when you realize it's ok, everything is going to work out?
3. We have the entire OT, NT, Church history, and our own experience to inform us fully that God does indeed deal in wrath and at the same time He will act in mercy.
4. Revival will come to the Church when we "bring the book."

Neh 8:1

1 And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to **bring the book** of the law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel.