

Praise! Praise! Praise!

Habakkuk

Lesson #4

Please always begin and end your study time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to receive from God's Word.

We now come to the conclusion of our study in the book of Habakkuk. What a journey it has been! Hopefully the lessons that Habakkuk learned have become our own and we have been changed and revived in our spiritual lives as deeply as he was.

In last week's lesson we saw the prophet's fear and trembling as he contemplated the coming invasion of the Chaldeans and the destruction of the Jewish nation. Yet in spite of it all, Habakkuk's eyes were firmly fixed on God and he chose to walk by faith.

The last section of this final chapter contains some of the most stirring verses in all of the Bible. Habakkuk has reached the highest pinnacle of his knowledge and relationship with God. Habakkuk looked at his people and saw their sin and corruption; he looked into the future and saw the coming destruction; he looked within and saw his own fear and frailty. Now Habakkuk looks around and sees the coming depletion of all of Judah's resources.

1. Read Habakkuk 3:17 and describe what Habakkuk sees..
2. Now, put this same verse into modern language. How would this scenario look in today's society?

3. Habakkuk uses a specific word three different times in verse 17. This one word changes everything for Habakkuk. Find that word and write it below.

4. List any concerns you may be experiencing in your life at this time and place that same word in front of each concern. How does this change your perception of your problems?

5. In the midst of Judah's coming calamity and economic devastation, Habakkuk makes two powerful statements in verse 18.

a. *I will* _____

b. *I will* _____

Previously in verse 16 Habakkuk's lips were quivering and trembling but now his mouth is full of praise and rejoicing.

6. Habakkuk wills himself to rejoice and take joy in the Lord because according to verse 19, the Lord God has become his _____.

7. According to verse 19, what two things does Habakkuk believe God will do for him?

Previously in verse 16 Habakkuk's bones were shaking and his legs were wobbling but now in verse 19 Habakkuk trusts God to make his feet like _____ and he will walk not down in the valley of despair (chapter 1) but up on _____.

You and I can also choose to live on the heights of praise. We can joy and rejoice in the God of our salvation and trust in His strength no matter what. Now, read the following scriptures to encourage you and prompt you to praise God as Habakkuk did.

I Kings 8:56

Psalm 50:23

Psalm 139:13-14

Psalm 145:3,5,6

Jeremiah 10:6

Romans 11:35-36

Romans 12:12

Ephesians 5:18-20

Philippians 4:4

I Timothy 1:17

I Thessalonians 5:18

Hebrews 13:15

I John 3:1

We will be praising God for all eternity but only during our brief time here on earth can we bring Him joy by praising Him in the midst of our pain. Oh how worthy is God to receive our praises! Fill up this entire page with your own statements of praise, worship and thanksgiving to Him.