

Trusting God No Matter What - Outline – Nov. 22.20 Habakkuk 3:16-19

I. Wait patiently for God even when you are afraid. v 16 “Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.” “Wait patiently” means to 'rest'.

Philippians 4:6-7: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

God promises to give us His peace when we give our worries and fears to Him.

II. Choose to rejoice in God even when everything in life goes wrong. vs.17-18 “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

A. Three Scenarios

1. *The Future*: The blossoms and grapes symbolize those things you are trusting for the future, your hopes to come. But here, there are no visible sign that these things will ever come to be. Habakkuk says, trust God no matter what.

2. *The Present*: The olive crop and the fields symbolize those things you are trusting in the present, your current "means".

3. *The Past*: “Though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls.” The sheep and cattle are those things we are trusting from our past, a symbol of our reserves.

III. Find strength in God to scale the heights even when you are down. v. 19 “The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.”

Conclusion: Habakkuk began his journey asking, “Does God care? Is God fair? Is God there?”

But instead of running away from God with his questions, Habakkuk kept bringing them to the Lord, and finding the answers that he needed.

He began his journey in the valley of doubt and fear and ended up scaling the heights with God on feet like a deer.

May the Lord lead us all to a place where we will learn to trust in Him, no matter what.