

**The Christian's Worship:  
In Discipline and Deliverance**

**Habakkuk 3:1-19**

**1. A changed perspective: from hesitation to hope.**

**Habakkuk 3:1-2** | <sup>1</sup> 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.

**2. A confident progression: from discipline to deliverance.**

**A. God came in glory.**

**Habakkuk 3:3-5** | <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.

**B. God came in power.**

**Habakkuk 3:6-7** | <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.

**C. God comes in judgment.**

**Habakkuk 3:8-12** | <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 You split the earth  
with rivers. <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.

**D. God goes out for our salvation.**

**Habakkuk 3:13-15** | <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. <sup>15</sup> You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters.

**3. A corrected posture: from reckoning to rejoicing.**

**A. We must reckon with the holiness of God.**

**Habakkuk 3:16a** | <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.

**B. We must resolve to wait upon the Lord.**

**Habakkuk 3:16b** | <sup>16b</sup> Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

**C. We must rejoice even in the midst of difficult circumstances.**

**Habakkuk 3:17-19a** | <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.