

**• God designed you to worship!**

“The foundation of worship in the heart . . . is not emotional (‘I feel full of worship’ or ‘The atmosphere is so worshipful’). Actually it is theological. Worship is not something we ‘work up’ , it is something that ‘comes down’ to us, from the character of God.” (Sinclair Ferguson)

“Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose and all this gathered up in adoration the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and source of all actual sin.” (William Temple)

“Worship happens when I understand the depths from which I have been redeemed.” (John MacArthur)

**A LITTLE BIT OF SUMMARY:**

Habakkuk 1 - God, what are you doing? [*dialogue*]

Habakkuk 2 - God, I will live steadfastly by faith. [*devotion/dirge*]

Habakkuk 3 - God, I extol & thank you no matter what! [*doxology*]

J. Ronald Blue gives a good summary of Habakkuk up to this point:

“Habakkuk, the distressed prophet, who complained over the unchecked sin in his country, was amazed at God’s disclosure that He had already prepared an instrument to judge Judah, namely, Babylon. Habakkuk was beyond shocked! He expressed his dilemma to God and waited for an answer (chap 1). That answer came in the form of a dirge, a taunt-song, that Habakkuk was instructed to record (chap 2). Learning of God’s just plan to destroy Babylon, Habakkuk bowed in humble adoration. His majestic prayer and hymn of praise followed (chap 3).

Some introductory elements of the psalm of Habakkuk 3:

**Habakkuk 3 — “In Crisis, Remember God’s Majesty & Praise God Deliberately!”**

1. **the Structure** (problem > perspective > **PRAISE!** or: trial > trust > **triumph!**)
2. **the Superscript/subscript** (introduction/conclusion)
3. **the Selah** -

Let us read the passage which precedes and succeeds it with greater earnestness, for surely there is always something excellent where we are required to rest and pause and meditate, or when we are required to lift up our hearts in grateful song. “SELAH.” (Charles Spurgeon)

4. **The Specifics/Kind of literature** — *genre*

3 marks of hebrew **poetry**:

- ★ Terseness — it’s short, brief, condensed [\*not narrative\*]
- ★ Imagery — lots of images, figures, pictures, illustrative concepts
- ★ Parallelism — lines that are parallel (3:12 & 3:13)

5. **the Spirit-given revival**- v.2 - O Lord revive... [bring revival]

6. **the Singular focus** [*recall God’s past deliverance to rest & rejoice in His future deliverance!*] = echoes from Psalms, Josh, Deut & Exod.

**how does the world respond to times of crisis?**

1. **resignation** - they fall prey to the fear = that’ll lead to depression
2. **detachment** - they don’t want to think about it = that’s the path of distraction
3. **self-confidence** — pull yourselves together by our own bootstraps= that’s the fruit of delusion
4. **Confident trust in God** —

**Remember God’s past acts to instill peace in present crisis.**

**Habakkuk 3 — "In Crisis, Remember God's Majesty & Praise God Deliberately!"****THESIS — Habakkuk 3 shows us how Habakkuk prayed & praised God in times of crisis and affliction.**

3 movements in this prayer to God...

√ O GOD – I **Pray** for **Mercy!** (1-2) // My prayer√ O GOD – I **Praise** your **Majesty!** (3-15) // My praise√ O GOD – I'm **Peaceful** in **Ministry!** (16-19) // My peace

Recalling God's past works fuels present worship!

**I. O GOD! I PRAY FOR MERCY! (1-2)***my Prayer!***2 main prayers in verse 2:**

1. O God, revive your work! —

2. O God, remember your mercy! —

**II. O GOD! I PRAISE YOUR MAJESTY! (3-15)***my Praise!*

❖ Here, Habakkuk 3:3-15 is a poetic **hymn of praise** recalling the awesome deeds of the LORD in bringing His people from Egypt, thru the wilderness, into the Promised Land.

**❖ Recalling God's past works fuels present worship!**

A. The arrival of God in glory! (3)

B. The appearance of God in majesty! (4-5)

C. The actions of God in power! (6-15)

1. in nature (8-11)

2. among nations (12-15)

**III. O GOD! I’M PEACEFUL IN MINISTRY! (16-19)**

*My peace!*

Verse 17 - the “worst possible scenario”

Those who wish to be happy must first wish to be holy (Richard Sibbes).

Verse 18 — God is my “strength” — like a deer/hind

- ✓The prophet’s complaints were swallowed up by confidence!
- ✓Fear turned to faith!
- ✓Recalling God’s past works fuels present worship!

**♣1 John 5.4 — whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: *Our Faith!***

**COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY**

**VERSE 1**

Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms  
His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally

**CHORUS**

To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves

**VERSE 2**

Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill

**VERSE 3**

Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God, the Three in One

**PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,  
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,  
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,  
Saints with His mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly forever adore Him!