

Book of Habakkuk – Chapter 3

1. When Habakkuk started his book, he was down in the valley, wrestling with the will of God.
2. Then he climbed higher in chapter 2 and stood on the watchtower, waiting for God to reply.
3. After hearing God's Word, he saw God's glory in chapter 3 and we will see that he becomes like a deer bounding confidently on the mountain heights.
4. In verses 1-2, we see the spiritual discipline of prayer in the life of Habakkuk: praying for the work of God.
5. In verses 3-5, Habakkuk seems to be retracing the march of Israel from Sinai to the Promised Land.
6. Habakkuk uses some very vivid imagery to describe Israel's march through the wilderness as they followed the Lord to the Promised Land and then claim their inheritance.
7. I think Habakkuk was looking to the past to say "See what God has done" as a way to encourage the people to expect a new victory.
8. In these verses, we see Habakkuk relying on the Lord as his strength.
9. Habakkuk pointed to past experiences when God came through for His people as assurances that God would continue to come through for His people.
10. Habakkuk teaches us to face our doubts and questions honestly, take them humbly to the Lord, wait for His Word to teach us, and then worship Him no matter how we feel or what we see.
11. God doesn't always change the circumstances, but He can change us to meet the circumstances...that's what it means to live by faith.
12. What took Habakkuk from the valley in chapter 1 to the summit in chapter 3? The same spiritual disciplines that can take us to the presence of God in our life: prayer, proper perspective and faith.