I. Chapter One: Habakkuk brings his complaints to God.

A. God appears idle while His people suffer.

1. 1:2-4 Habakkuk asks, “How long…?” and “Why?”

B. 1:5-11 gives God’s response.

C. 1:12-17 plies God with more questions.

D. This spiritual “give and take” provides a very important spiritual lesson.

1. To assume that we are spiritually wrong to question is weak theology.

2. “The heart cannot rejoice in what the mind rejects.”

II. Chapter 2 establishes the principle of learning to “wait on the Lord.”

A. 2:1, “I will stand at my watch post.”

B. Isaiah 40:28-31 makes three promises.

1. Spiritual renewal

2. Spiritual perspective

3. Spiritual endurance

C. 2:2-20 gives God’s response.

1. 2:3, “There is a vision for an appointed time.”

2. 2:4, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

a. See Romans 1:17

b. See Hebrews 10:38

c. See Galatians 3:11

3. The “woes” of God are his fingers pointing out poor theology.

a. Habakkuk 2:6-19

D. The important spiritual discipline of silence is introduced.

1. 2:20, “The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence…”

III. Habakkuk’s Prayer in Chapter Three teaches us how to pray when we are dismayed.

A. Note in the prayer what changes. (Clue: Follow the pronouns)

B. Note what Habakkuk’s prayer did NOT do.

C. What does this teach us about how God answers prayer?

D. What does this teach us about the purpose of prayer?

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE, THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE,

LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE, LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE BEFORE HIM

KEEP SILENCE, KEEP SILENCE BEFORE HIM.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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| **1.** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  Early in the morning our praise shall rise to Thee.  Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  God in three persons, blessed Trinity!  **2.** Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  Casting down their golden crowns around the  Glassy sea.  Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be. | **3.** Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee, Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.  **4.** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and  Sky, and sea.  Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  God in three persons, blessed Trinity! |