

Habakkuk

After God explains some things to Habakkuk so that he realizes God is just, and will appropriately punish all men, Habakkuk seems compelled to worship. Chapter 3 is a song that Habakkuk wrote as he was moved by the Holy Spirit.

Read Habakkuk 3

This worship song has the following structure:

Superscription – 1

Petition – 2

Theophany – 3-7

War – 8-15

Trust – 16-19a

Subscription – 19b

In the superscription Habakkuk calls for use of *Shigionoth*. This is a note probably indicating the mood with which one would sing this hymn; lament, or sorrow.

Habakkuk seems to understand that God is just, and His judgment is fierce. This causes him to plead for mercy.

How does Habakkuk talk about the glory of God in verses 3-7?

The war referenced is probably poetic description of our sovereign God battling against the enemies of His people (IE Assyria and Babylon).

Resulting from the campaign of God against Judah's enemies, Habakkuk offers a statement of faith.

In the subscription Habakkuk calls for accompaniment with stringed instruments.

Application

If you have ever prayed for the justice of God, have you ever followed up with a thought about what that would mean, or how that would look?

When you've seen justice meted out, did it bring a sense of satisfaction and/or compassion?

What does it take to bolster your faith? What acts of God warrant your trust?