

***The Righteous
Shall Live By
Faith***

***Sermon: Wishing for
God's Mercy***

Habakkuk 3:2

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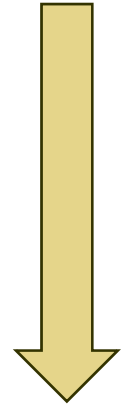


Summary of the Book

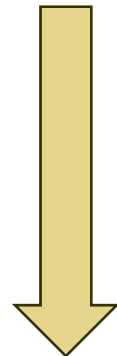
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Waiting and
Wondering
Chapter 1



Habakkuk
Worshipping
Chapter 3



Habakkuk
Trusting
2:4

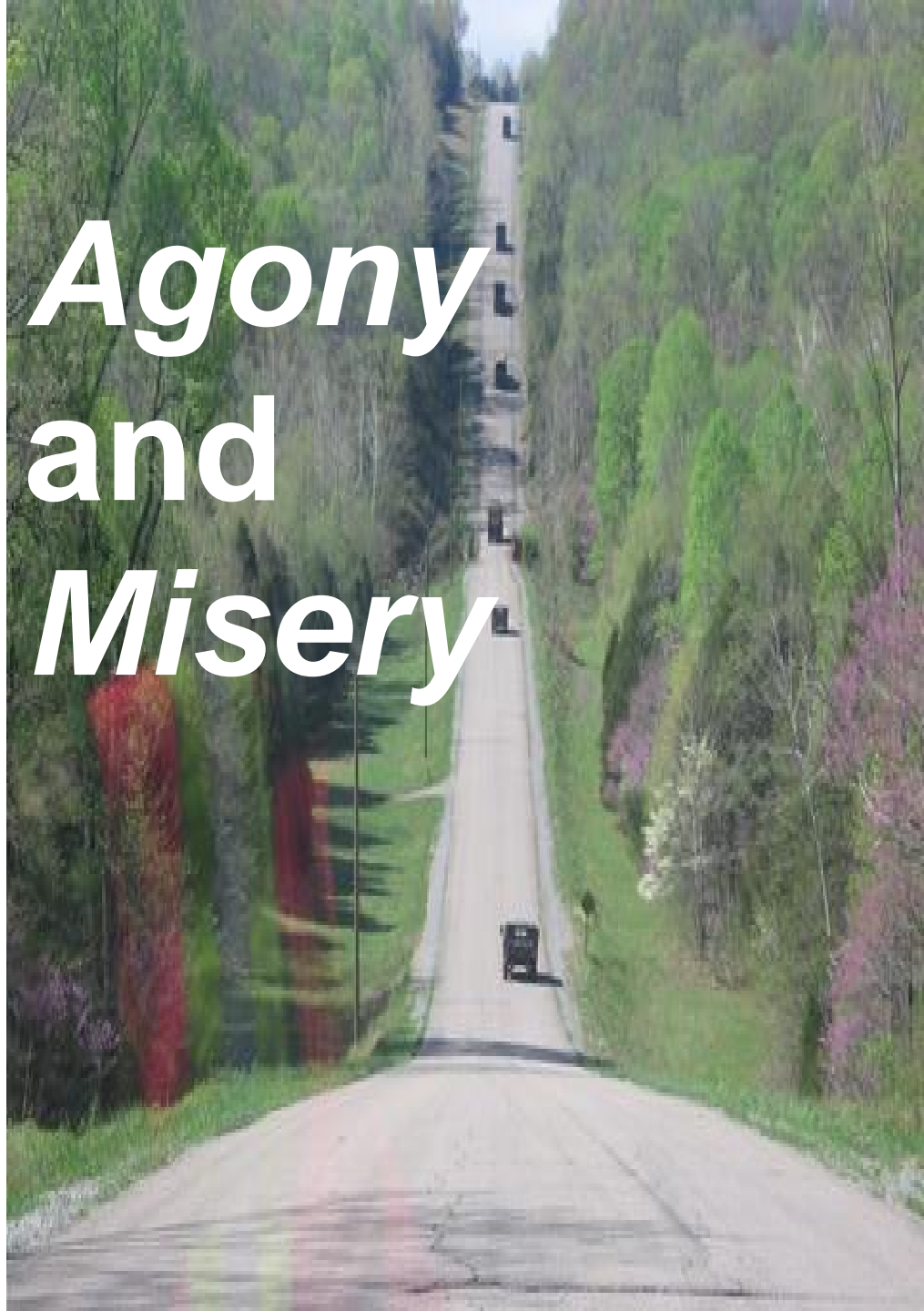



Key Observation

- ... You and I cannot deserve God's *mercy*. *Mercy ministers to misery.*

**Basic
Training
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KY**

*Agony
and
Misery*



A silhouette of a person standing on a hill with arms outstretched, set against a bright, glowing background. The person is centered in the upper half of the image, with their arms spread wide. The background is a bright, yellowish-white glow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of hope and anticipation.

**Three weeks ago...
Habakkuk waiting for
God to move**

A man in a dark pinstriped suit jacket and white shirt is seen from behind, scratching his head with his right hand. The background is a light gray wall covered with numerous black question marks of varying sizes, creating a sense of confusion or uncertainty.

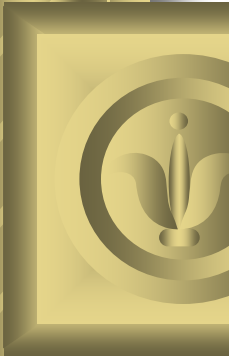
Habakkuk's

1st

Complaint...

God, why aren't You doing something?

**Two week ago,
God's response...**



***I am doing something,
but you would not believe
it if I told you"***

Habakkuk's 2nd Complaint...

God, how could you even
consider using the
Babylonians?



**Last week...
Habakkuk was
waiting again**

Waiting for God to speak



A person is sitting on the floor in a room with large windows, looking out at a cityscape. The person is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The room has a modern, minimalist aesthetic with a light-colored floor and walls. The text is overlaid on the image.

**This week...it's all
beginning to soak
in...**

**...he is now wishing
for God's mercy**

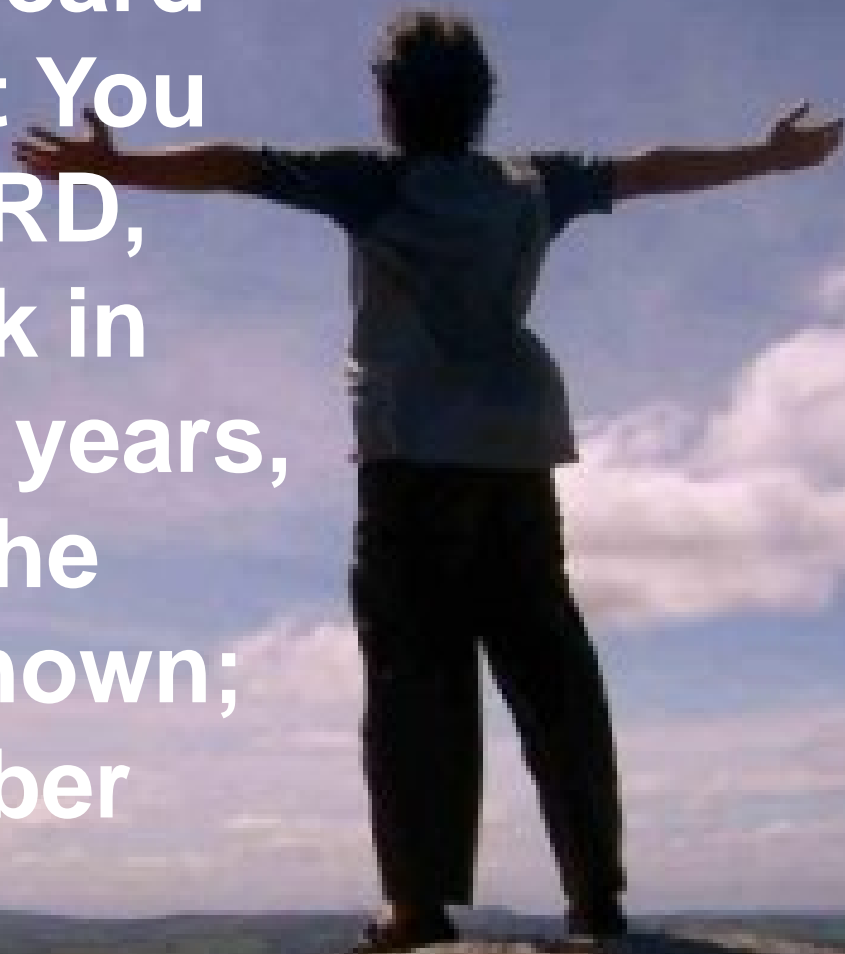
A person is sitting on the floor in a large, empty room with blue walls. The person is seen from behind, looking out a window. The room is brightly lit, and the floor is a light color. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

Next week...our
story reaches its
climax...

...Habakkuk will
have gone all the
way from *waiting to*
worshipping

Habakkuk 3:2

“LORD, I have heard
the report about You
and I fear. O LORD,
revive Your work in
the midst of the years,
in the midst of the
years make it known;
in wrath remember
mercy.”



**Habakkuk
prayer gives
us three
things to
encourage
us as we
wish for
God's
mercy**



Habakkuk 3:2a

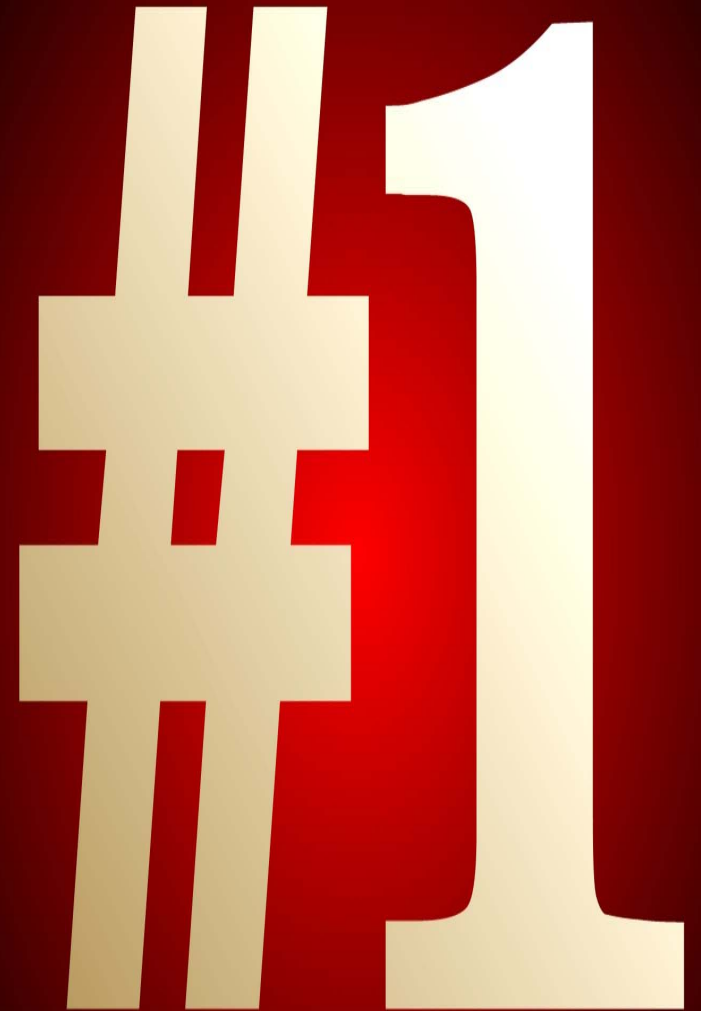
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***The fear of
the Lord is
the
beginning
of wisdom***

(Hab. 3:2a)

(Proverbs 9:10)



The Fear of God

- **Jeremiah 5:22**
- **Job 23:13-16**
- **Psalms 2:11**
- **Psalms 19:9**
- **Psalms 33:8**
- **Psalms 34:11**

Habakkuk 3:2

“... O LORD,
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it known;”



***The Lord
is the
same
yesterday,
today, and
always
(Hab. 3:2b)***

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Malachi 3:6

- **“For I, the Lord , do not change; therefore you O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”**

Habakkuk 3:2

“...in wrath
remember
mercy.”



***The
mercies of
God are
new every
morning
(Hab. 3:2c)***



Mercy...

- *...always presupposes guilt*
- *...always assumes that justice is not an option*
- *...always affirms that it is not deserved*

Psalm 103:10-11

- *“He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.”*

Psalm 130:2-4

- *“Lord, hear my voice: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my prayers. If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who can stand? **But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.**”*