

Recap of 3/10/19 (Hab 3:1-19):

1. Have you ever asked God why? Why is there evil? Why do the wicked prosper while God's people suffer? Why did this happen to me? Why did you heal that person but not this person? Habakkuk is a great book for us when we get into a 'why God?' mood. Charles Ryrie said Habakkuk is "A defense of God's goodness and power in view of the existence of evil." Habakkuk asks God why and is surprised by the answer. As we study this book, I hope we come to the same conclusion he did -- ultimately our why questions only have one satisfying answer. Who God is. Although we may want to know why, it is only the person of God that truly brings comfort and satisfaction. Even when everything seems to be going wrong, we should live by faith; faith in who God is, what He has done for us, and His plans for the future!
2. In chapter 2 Habakkuk was told that the righteous will live by faith (2:4). In chapter 3 we have a beautiful prayer from Habakkuk as he realizes what living by faith really means. Habakkuk asks God to renew His works for His people. Habakkuk prays that God would remember mercy in the midst of His wrath. Habakkuk then reminds himself and us of God's power, God's faithfulness in the past, and the ultimate end of those who oppose God.
3. Habakkuk ends with one of the most profound statements of faith in all of scripture. In verses 3:16-19, Habakkuk reaffirms his trust in God and that he will exult in and rejoice in the LORD despite being terrified and in horrible circumstances. Habakkuk has come to a good understanding of who God is and trusts Him completely regardless of what life brings. I pray that all of us join Habakkuk.