

I. MAN'S SEARCH

A. Honest in _____ 1:2-4 - “How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? ³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.”

It's okay to express your doubts to God. Just because Habakkuk had questions did not mean he did not have _____.

B. Waiting through _____ - 2:1 “I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.”

Habakkuk is a _____!

C. Hearing the secret - 2:4 – “but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness”

II. MAN'S COMMITMENT - 3:17,18

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

A. His situation - v. 17 - bankruptcy

B. His _____ - v. 18

1) basis of His confidence - How was he able to do that?? G. Campbell Morgan:

- *If everything is destroyed, God can create a new source of supply
- *God can send supplies from unknown sources - water from a rock
- *God can multiply what we have - loaves and fish

2) result of confidence - _____

- a) nature of joy - “I will jump for joy...”
- b) sphere of joy - in the Lord

C. The key - v. 19 – “The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. The Sovereign Lord is my strength!”

The secret to thanksgiving, regardless of circumstances? Keep holding onto Jesus – through the questions; through the frustrations; through the doubts!

