



# New Living

## Welcome!

We are glad to have you with us today and want you to feel comfortable as we enter into worship.

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## God Will Get You Through

As our children grow older, a phrase we hear from time to time is, "That's not fair." And, our response usually goes something like this, "Sometimes, life is not fair." As our children prepare to enter adult living, they become more and more aware of the injustices of life. Sometimes bad things happen to good people, and on the surface evil appears to triumph. Such occurrences can try our faith. We must not allow the injustices of life keep us from being what God expects of us. Habakkuk 3 contains writing that demonstrates the wonder and power of God. There are three things in this chapter that should help us as we cope with injustice and inequities in life.

**We must exercise complete confidence in God.** Habakkuk three begins a highly emotional section of writing that reveals two elements that should be found

inside our prayer life: humility and adoration for God's purposes. No matter what happens to us, we should work to move the focus off of us and on to God. We must trust and completely surrender to God. We must also remember that God's purposes are supreme and that His work will ultimately strengthen us and be done for our good.

As we experience injustices and the effects of the sin of others, we should reach out to God in prayer. Does our prayer life testify to our belief that God will help during times of trouble? Paul wrote, *be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Philippians 4:6-7.* We must trust in God's plan, and await the fulfillment of His purpose. In all of this is an attitude of submission. This does not mean we should give up, but it does involve our belief and trust in God to balance the inequities of life.

**We must remember that God is in complete command.** He is in control. No matter how bad a situation might be,


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He is always in control. As we struggle with life, we must always remember that God fulfills His promises of deliverance. Go back through the pages of the Old and New Testament and observe various circumstances experienced by men and women who faithfully waited on God—in desperate circumstances. God, in His own time, successfully delivered His people from Egypt. Paul and Silas were delivered from prison, Acts 16:25. Think of the entire theme of Revelation—it is one of ultimate triumph—even if a person is killed for the cause of Christ, they will ultimately be delivered to eternal life! Isn't that what it is all about? While we are thinking on spiritual things, remember the lengths God has gone to in order to save mankind from sin. We have been delivered through Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 1:18-19. Remember, God's purposes cannot be hindered. Eventually, in God's own time, Christians will be triumphant. Do we have the faith to wait on God? God's purposes have never failed. Think of His success in the exodus, the Red Sea deliverance, giving of the Promised Land, and the work of Jesus on the cross. One day, God will vindicate the saved and render misery to all who reject justice.

**One day, sinners will pay.** Throughout Habakkuk 3, the prophet describes the reaction of those who work to hinder the purposes of God. They are startled (3:6); will collapse (3:6); experience stress (3:7); and be brought into abysmal ruin (3:12-15). Those who oppose God would do well to allow fear to strike their heart and turn to God before it is too late. God sent Jesus to die for all men. God desires to see everyone in heaven, not hell.

Don't give up on God. He is at work and you fit somewhere in His plans. Begin today to look for how and where you belong in His work. Are you a Christian? Are you faithfully serving Him?



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## *Silencing of God*

Beginning April 2nd and continuing on April 9, 16, and 23, a class on the *Silencing of God* series will be offered for the ladies of our congregation.

**Ed Major** will be conducting the class. The classes will be at 7 PM. If you are interested in being in the class, please sign up on the bulletin board by the auditorium. See **Ed** if you have any questions.