

INSPIRED

Habakkuk 3:1-15

**Prayer addresses God but also encourages
our hearts and inspires our confidence**

I. INSPIRED TO REVERENCE (1-2a)

A. I PRAY

1. While the earth is silent (see 2:20)
2. An exciting prayer/psalm of conquest

B. I LISTEN ...

1. To the truth about Israel's judgment (1:6, 11)
2. To the news about the Chaldean's collapse (2:6-19)
3. And I'm reminded that God is in control (2:20)

C. I FEAR

- The idea is that of bowing in awe - See Psalm 33:8

II. INSPIRED FOR REVIVAL (2b)

A. PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORK

1. That it would be revived
2. That it would be made known
3. That it would be soon > "In the midst of the years"

B. PRAYING FOR GOD'S MERCY

1. For Judah
 - Though their judgment is deserved, show them compassion
2. About the Chaldeans
 - a. Soften their cruelty
 - b. Hasten their overthrow

Over please >

III. INSPIRED TO REMEMBER (3-15)

A. THE PRESENCE OF GOD (3-7)

1. His Coming (3a)
 - a. The Creator God: Elohim
 - b. The directing God: Through Teman and Paran
 - c. The worshipped God: Selah
2. His Brilliance (3b-4)
3. His Entourage (5)
4. His Stand (6-7)

B. THE POWER OF GOD (8-15)

1. Declared (8-9b)
2. Demonstrated (9c-15)
 - a. With the flood (9c-10)
 - b. At the conquest (11) > See Joshua 10:12
 - c. In the exodus (12-13)
 - d. Through the unexpected (14) > See Judges 7:22
 - e. At the Red Sea (15)

IV. INSPIRED TO REVIEW (Additional application)

A. OUR PRAYERS

1. Do we come to God reverently? (2a)
2. What do we pray about? (2b) > Revival, mercy
3. How do we address God? (3a) > Creator and conqueror
4. How do we describe God? (3-15) > Noting His character and His conduct

B. GOD'S WORK

1. What do we know about God?
2. What do we recite and retell about God?
3. What will inspire our hope?

CONCLUSION:

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