

**CONFIDENT**  
**Habakkuk 3:16-19**

**“God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power,  
and of love, and of a sound mind.”  
- II Tim. 1:7 (KJV)**

**I. FEAR (16-17)**

- Confidence shaken

**A. PERSONAL ANXIETY (16)**

**1. Physical Effects (16a)**

- a. His belly trembled
- b. His lips quivered
- c. His bones decayed
- d. His legs trembled

**2. Emotional Effects (16b)**

- a. Quietly waiting: This is the hardest thing to do
- b. Waiting for invaders: Knowing something bad is going to happen but not when it will do so
- c. Becoming weary while waiting

**3. Occupational Effects**

- a. Prophets suffer too
- b. Examples include Elijah, Daniel and Jeremiah

**B. NATIONAL CALAMITY (17)**

- The ravages of war

- 1. A Lack of Resources: Fruits, fields and flocks all impacted
- 2. A Lack of Work: No one picking, herding, farming or cooking
- 3. A Lack of Income: Nothing to sell or trade

**II. FAITH (18-19)**

- Confidence certain

**A. DECISION (18a)**

- “Yet!”

- 1. A demonstrative conjunction used to show contrast
  - We might say “notwithstanding” or “howbeit”
- 2. “The just shall live by faith” - See 2:4

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### B. DETERMINATION (18b)

- Habakkuk had a choice in how to respond and so do we

1. Exalt in the Lord
  - a. The idea is that of a triumphant exclamation
  - b. Like Job in Job 1:20-21
2. Rejoice in God
  - a. The action: To shout with joy or shriek ecstatically
  - b. The recipient: God who saves

### C. DECLARATION (19a)

1. God is my strength: My army is God
2. God makes me swift
  - a. Like the surefooted doe with bounding energy and agility
  - b. Citing Psalm 18:33 which describes David's rest from Saul's pursuits
3. God makes me successful: Conquering my high places

### D. DISSEMINATION (19b)

1. The postscript: "For the choir director, on my stringed instruments"
2. The publication: Have others sing this song

## III. FOLLOW-UP (Additional application)

### A. PRACTICE GOD'S PRAISE (18)

- Sing ... shriek!

### B. KNOW GOD'S NAMES (18-19a)

1. The Lord: "Yahweh-Jehovah" > The promise keeping God
2. The God of my salvation: "Elohim Yeshua" > The delivering One
3. The Lord God: Yahweh-Adonai" > The "in-control" One

### C. RECITE GOD'S WORD (19b)

1. Habakkuk knew of David's words in Psalm 18:33
2. Read and memorize God's Word

**CONCLUSION:** *Are you fretful or faithful?*  
*Are you terrified or triumphant?*  
*Are you confused or conquering?*

### **How we answer depends on our confidence in God**

- Can you trust Him? Do you?

**"The language is that of a mind weaned from earthly enjoyments, and habituated to find the highest fruition of its desires in God."** [D. Thomas, "Habakkuk: Pulpit Commentary", p. 72]

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