

THE BURDEN OF
HABAKKUK



How to Survive: Part 2

**The faithful survive by
treasuring God above all.**

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Habakkuk 3:3

**³God came from Teman,
and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah*
His splendor covered the heavens,
and the earth was full of his praise.**

**⁴His brightness was like the light;
rays flashed from his hand;
and there he veiled his power. ...**

**⁵Before him went pestilence,
and plague followed at his heels.**

**⁶He stood and measured the earth;
he looked and shook the nations;
then the eternal mountains were scattered;
the everlasting hills sank low.
His were the everlasting ways.**

**⁷I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;
the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.**

⁸Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD?

**Was your anger against the rivers,
or your indignation against the sea,
when you rode on your horses,
on your chariot of salvation?**

⁹You stripped the sheath from your bow,

calling for many arrows. *Selah*

You split the earth with rivers. ...

10The mountains saw you and writhed;
the raging waters swept on;
the deep gave forth its voice;
it lifted its hands on high.

11The sun and moon stood still in their place
at the light of your arrows as they sped,
at the flash of your glittering spear.

12You marched through the earth in fury;
you threshed the nations in anger. ...

13You went out for the salvation of your people,
for the salvation of your anointed.

**You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,
laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah***

14You pierced with his own arrows the heads of
his warriors,

**who came like a whirlwind to scatter me,
rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.**

15You trampled the sea with your horses,
the surging of mighty waters.

For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered...

Ezekiel 34:11-12

16 I hear, and my body trembles;
my lips quiver at the sound;
rottenness enters into my bones;
my legs tremble beneath me.

**Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble
to come upon people who invade us. ...**

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls, ...

18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD;

I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength;

he makes my feet like the deer's;

he makes me tread on my high places.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Lord, what am I treasuring
today?**

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.

John 10:27-30