Revive us again – Hab. 3:2

**Focal Truth: God revives His work in the midst of the years**

Are you questioning why God is allowing the days in which we are living?

How is your faith in these days in which we are living?

Do long for God to do something today like he has done in the past?

 a. Habakkuk the prophet lived in times like ours

 b. Ungodliness was everywhere, only a few lived by faith.

 c. Jerusalem was filled with idolatry & ungodliness

God’s was promising coming judgment on His people from Babylon

**1. The prophet fears God in the midst of the years 3:2** *I have heard the report about you & fear*

 a. He feared God in His person

 1. Woe is me I am undone for my eyes have seen the King…Isaiah

 2. There remains no strength in me – Daniel

 3. I fell upon my face – Ezekiel

 4. When I saw him I fell at his feet as dead – John

 5. But now my eye sees you & I abhor myself & repent in dust & ashes Job

 b. He feared God in His past works among God’s people

 *he had heard the report*

 1. He understood God’s hand in every part of their past

 2. He understood the blessings of God’s grace & compassion

 3. He understood the wrath of God on sin among His people & the nations who rejected Him

**2. The prophet prays in faith for revival in the midst of the years – 3:2**

*O Lord revive your work in the midst of the years…*

Habakkuk name means – embracer. He embraced God’s promises.

 Hab. 2:4 – the righteous will live by his faith

a. He prays for revival in the midst of the days of godlessness & idolatry

 *O Lord, revive your work in the midst of the years - do among us what you did*

 *among them, work among us as you worked among them*

 1. In the midst of the years love for God can grow cold

 2. In the midst of the years faith in God will be tested

 3. In the midst of the years troubles will arise that discourage

 4. In the midst of the years worldliness takes the heart of God’ people

 5. In the midst of the years zeal for God turns to formal hypocritical

 religion

 6. In the midst of the years the godless grow more ungodly

b. He prays for revival in the work of God’s people in the midst of the years

c. He prays for revival in the heart of God’s people in the midst of the years

d. He prays for a work of revival from God in the midst of the years

e. He prays for God’s power in revival in the midst of the years

***Hab. 1:5 – Look among the nations, Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days! You would not believe if it were told***

 1. Today God is doing something among the nations – saving lost

 2. Today God is doing something in the churches – discipline & revival

 3. Today God is doing something preparing for the return of the Lord!

 **3. The prophet pleas for God’ mercy in the midst of the years – 3:2**

 *in the midst of the years make it know, in wrath remember mercy*

a. He pleas for God’s glory to be known – 3:2 -3 – in the midst of the years make it

 known, his splendor covers the heavens, and the earth is full of His praise

b. He pleas for God’s power on the enemy – 3:6 – he stood and surveyed the earth,

 He looked and startled the nations

c. He pleas for God to work all things for the good of His people – 3:13 – you went

 forth for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed

d. He pleas for mercy not wrath

 1. He waits quietly for the days of distress of God’s judgment – 3:16

 I heard in my inward parts trembled…because I must wait quietly

 for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will invade us

 2. He trusts God by faith for the coming days of God’s judgment – 3:17

 though the fig trees should not blossom and their be not fruit on the

 vines, though the yield of the olive should fail, and the fields

 produce no food and there be no cattle in the stalls yet I eill exalt in the

 Lord

 3. He rejoices in the Lord who saves in the coming days of God’s judgment –

 3:18 – I will rejoice in the God of my salvation

 4. He renewed in spiritual strength by faith in God – 3:19 – the Lord God

 He has made my feet like hinds feet & makes me walk on my high

 places

**Things to Remember**

1. Holy grief in prayer is a mark of godliness

2. God is doing something today that is unbelievable

3. When God does something he reveals it to his secret ones – Amos 3:7 – surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets

4. The man of faith is a man that fears God

5. In the midst of the years hearts can grow cold but God can warm them again!

6. Faith looks back & forward to what God has done & what he promises to do!

**Daily Use**

1. Live by faith in the midst of the years

2. Rejoice in God’s care & grace in the midst of the years

3. Wait on God in the midst of the years – Hab. 2:3 – the vision is for the appointed time, it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries wait for it, for it will certainly come, it will not delay

*Lord I have heard the report about you and fear. O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make it known, in wrath remember mercy!*