

# Joy, Regardless

- A. Habakkuk (*he that embraces; a wrestler*) was a Jew who lived 600 years before Jesus Christ.
- B. Babylon was the powerful empire of the era and a growing threat to Habakkuk's people (1:6b-11).
- C. The LORD uses Habakkuk as a prophet (2:2-3); his message is an "oracle" (1:1, literally, a burden).

## Habakkuk's \_\_\_\_\_

- "Why aren't you listening, God?" (1:2)
- "Don't you \_\_\_\_\_ what's going on?" (1:3)
- "This isn't right!" (1:4)
- "Aren't you in \_\_\_\_\_?" (1:12)
- "How can you allow this to continue?" (1:13)

## The LORD's \_\_\_\_\_

- "I know what I'm doing and I'm working in ways you can't understand" (1:5-6a)
- "\_\_\_\_\_ me; I'm telling you the truth" (2:3)
- "My plans are much bigger than Jerusalem or Babylon" (2:12-14)
- "I and I \_\_\_\_\_ am God" (2:18-20)

## Habakkuk's \_\_\_\_\_

- "You are the I AM" (3:2a)
- "I reverently \_\_\_\_\_ your past judgments, victories, and deliverances" (3:2b)
- "I am distressed and I don't know what the future holds" (3:16a)
- "Yet I will quietly \_\_\_\_\_ for and trust in you" (3:16b)

## The Key to Joy, Regardless (3:17-19)

- If my joy is built upon anything other than God, I'm depending upon a foundation too \_\_\_\_\_.
- To love and trust and pursue anything more than God is \_\_\_\_\_ (2:18-19).
- As long as I love and trust and pursue \_\_\_\_\_ more than God, joy will escape me.
- But when I trust God to be my strength, my hope, and my Savior, I find joy, \_\_\_\_\_.