

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

(I) TROUBLOUS THOUGHTS

1. The Wrath of God

"...in wrath remember mercy." **Habakkuk 3:2**

"You marched through the land in indignation..." **Habakkuk 3:12**

2. Power of God Hidden

*"Before Him went pestilence,
And fever followed at His feet."* **Habakkuk 3:5**

(II) FEAR AND TREMBLING

"O LORD, I have heard your speech and was afraid..." **Habakkuk 3:1**

*"When I heard, my body trembled;
My lips quivered at the voice;
Rottenness entered my bones;
And I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble..."* **Habakkuk 3:16**

1. Fear - A Natural Response

2. Fear - To be Fathomed

(III) FEARS OF WITHDRAWAL OF BLESSING

*"Though the fig tree may not blossom,
Nor fruit be on the vines;
Though the labour of the olive may fail,
And the fields yield no food;
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,
And there be no herd in the stall"* **Habakkuk 3:17**

1. Withdrawal of Blessings

2. Withdrawal of Basic Provision

(IV) STRENGTH AMIDST THE WORST OF FEARS

*"Yet I will rejoice in the LORD.
I will joy in the God of my salvation.*

*The LORD God is my strength;
He will make my feet like deer's feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills."* **Habakkuk 3:18-19**

1. The Strength of the Lord

- a) Availability of that strength
- b) Appropriation of that strength

2. The Evidence of the Strength of the Lord

- a) Joy amidst deep problems
- b) Strength to climb high hills