

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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Happy 11 years Bible Fellowship Center

THE LORD’S DAY

November 8, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Piano Chris Stenzel
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Habakkuk 3:3-4 (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 23
Hymn 12 “Praise Him, Praise Him”
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn Favorites of Thanksgiving

Message FIGHTING STRONG ENEMIES
I Samuel 13, 14 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 499 “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”
Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up
Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck
Precept class on “Acts” Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Precept study this Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Choir practice Thursday, November 12th at 7pm

Ladies Harvest Luncheon Saturday, November 14th at noon.

The Answer of the Lord to the Prayer of Habakkuk (3:3-4)

God came from Teman, The Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah*

His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise.

4 *His* brightness was like the light;

He had rays *flashing* from His hand,

And there His power *was* hidden.

Habakkuk describes in these verses a visible manifestation of God in splendor, a true “theophany.” God comes in **verse 3** like a storm from the south. “Teman” was perhaps the capital of Edom, and “Paran” was opposite Teman, so a reference to the lands south of Israel. Commentators such as Charles Feinberg found that this was a reminder of the manifestations of the Lord when He redeemed Israel from Egypt. The promise would be implied of a future deliverance for the chosen people. “Selah” (verse 3, 9, 13) is most likely a musical accompaniment that would allow for a pause and meditation in the music (the word occurs 70 times in the Psalms). The heavens and the earth are full of the praise and glory of the Lord. The Shekinah cloud of glory that protected and led the Israelites through the wilderness was itself a manifestation of the presence of God’s glory.

Verse 4: Here God’s glory is manifested as light, and compared with a sunrise. Coming from God’s hand were “rays” (*qarnayim*, which normally means “horns”), and it reminds us of the hands of our Redeemer, pierced for the sins of the world. The word “splendor” is perfect to describe the radiance of God’s presence (Exodus 19:16-19; Psalm 18:8-12). The clouds and darkness on Mount Sinai were also present with the intense fire of God’s radiance. Verse 4 ends with the phrase “there His power was hidden,” which provokes different interpretations. If we see this as a picture of redemption, that which would be hidden would be the flesh that was used to cover the glory of God when He appeared as Jesus Christ.