

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin

Piano

Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Habakkuk 3:5-8 (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 24

Hymn 794

"Let All Things Now Living"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 786

"Count Your Blessings"

Message

FIGHTING STRONG ENEMIES part II

I Samuel 13, 14

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 513

"Thank You, Lord"

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

Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am – Jim O'Rourke

Precept study this Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was

Choir practice Thursday 7pm

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

Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30pm

The Lord's Answer to Habakkuk's Prayer

Before Him went pestilence, And fever followed at His feet.

6 He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations.

And the everlasting mountains were scattered, The perpetual hills bowed.

His ways *are* everlasting. **7** I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;

The curtains of the land of Midian trembled. **8** O LORD, were *You* displeased with the rivers, *was* Your anger against the rivers, *was* Your wrath against the sea, That You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation?

Verses 5-6: Habakkuk portrays the Lord's devastation of evil in verse 5. Then, God's power and might cause a shaking of the earth and a tossing of the mountains to and fro. The verb "measured" (NKJV, *yemoded*) means in Arabic "to be convulsed). Thus, there is a choice between the effects of God's action—shaking, or a stress on the motive of judgment—the measurement. Verse 6 also mentions; "He looked and startled the nations." "Startled" (*natar*) implied both emotional turmoil and abrupt physical changes. All of this is to show that the transcendent Creator is infinitely above His creation, and can do as He wills.

Verses 7: "Cushan" represents the peoples west of Sinai, and Midian those who were in the regions south and east of Israel. It is interesting to note that Moses' wife was identified as being both Midianite and Cushite (see Exodus 2:16-22; 18:1-5; Numbers 12:1). The mention of these two lands indicates the widespread effects of the Lord's might. **Verse 8:** The psalm shifts its scene to rivers and the sea. The river that the Lord was displeased with was perhaps the Jordan, which was divided when the Israelites came into Canaan (Joshua 3:13, 17: 4:7, 5:1). The sea (*yam*) may refer to the passage of Israel through the Red Sea (Exodus 14:2-15:22). No matter if there is an historical allusion in this verse, the thought by the destructive words ("displeased, anger, wrath") speak of the Lord as an omnipotent warrior king going forth with his horses and chariots to execute vengeance upon his enemies. God's "horses" and "chariots" evidence His power to accomplish the task. Habakkuk drew his joy from reviewing God's faithfulness and justice in the past which empowered the prophet to face the future with the submissive confidence that it demanded of him. The Church today has the Sacrament of Holy Communion to remind us of God's great power of salvation through sending the Lord Jesus to die on the Cross for our sins and to bring us salvation. We can be confident in our present situation.