

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

December 6, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Habakkuk 3:16-17 (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 27

Hymns 247, 249

Pastoral Prayer followed by hymn 3 vs1 "Holy, Holy, Holy" prayerfully

Communion followed by hymn 732 in preparation for the message

Message "DAVID AND GOLIATH" I Samuel 17 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 270 "Joy to the World" 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer Monday at 7pm here at the church

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 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

Ladies Luncheon Saturday December 12th at 12:30

Children's Advent Service Sunday December 13th at 4pm

Christmas Caroling Monday December 14th at 6pm sharp bus leaves church

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service at 6pm

16 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. When He comes up to the people, He will invade them with his troops.

17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor 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 stalls—

How ironic that the same man who called for the destruction of Israel at the beginning of this prophecy now recoils in physical pain and emotional turmoil at the revelation that God is fully adequate to handle any situation. The reaction of Habakkuk to the Theophany (vision of God) strikes me as similar to that which the Apostle John experienced in the book of Revelation after seeing the glorified Christ in all His perfections (Revelation 1:17—John fell as dead; Revelation 10:10—John had a bitter stomach after “eating” God’s judgments).

Verse 16: “Trembled” (root is rgz) occurs twice in this verse, and speaks of the inward upheaval in the prophet as he reviews what he has just witnessed. Habakkuk says that he must “rest” in the “day of trouble” has the idea of waiting quietly. To wait when calamity was coming was a gift of God that demonstrated Habakkuk’s greatness of faith to find strength to wait quietly.

Verse 17: the nouns used in this verse represent the bases of Israel’s agricultural economy. Her prosperity was dependent on the nation’s obedience to the covenant and on the Lord’s consequent blessing (Leviticus 26:3-5; Deuteronomy 28:2-14). Israel lost the right to those blessings through their disloyalty to the covenant, which insured the Lord’s chastening through natural and military defeats (Deuteronomy 28:16-17; Hosea 2:12; Joel 1:7-12; Amos 4:6-9; Hagai 1:6-11). In this devastated economy, Habakkuk acknowledged his nation’s apostasy and the inevitability of judgment.