

## HABAKKUK 3:17-18 “Fighting For Joy”

Habakkuk 3:**16-19** *I heard and my inward parts trembled, at the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, and in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will invade us. 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord GOD is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places.*

Habakkuk 1:**2-3b** *How long, O LORD, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, "Violence!" Yet You do not save. 3 Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause me to look on wickedness?*

Habakkuk 1:**13** *Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot look on wickedness with favor. Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?*

Habakkuk 2:**20** *But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.*

Philippians 4:**4a** *Rejoice in the Lord always.*

Isaiah 65:**18** *But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing and her people for gladness.*

### Outline

Introductory matters:

Habakkuk was a prophet in **J** \_\_\_\_\_ and foresaw the 586 invasion by the Chaldeans or **B** \_\_\_\_\_.

I. *The Time of Joy*: even when **s** \_\_\_\_\_.

II. *The Sphere of Joy*: in the \_\_\_\_\_, as opposed to *under* the \_\_\_\_\_ so, we can seek joy *in* suffering through **w** \_\_\_\_\_ of the God of our **s** \_\_\_\_\_.

III. *The Duty of Joy*

A. We are commanded to rejoice always.

B. God is most glorified in us when we are most **s** \_\_\_\_\_ in Him during times of **t** \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The benefits of positive self-\_\_\_\_\_.

D. A call to **p** \_\_\_\_\_ on joy when hard times come.

### My Commitment

When hard times come I will: (choose one and mark X)

a. grumble and fuss \_\_\_      b. grit my teeth and bear it \_\_\_      c. rejoice in the Lord \_\_\_