

Joy in Hard Times: Know God
Habakkuk 3:17-18; Philippians 1:3-7, 18b
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- I. Introduction
- II. Series: Joy in Hard Times (Philippians)
- III. Paul's tradition (Hab. 1:2-3:18)
 - A. Habakkuk's context (circa 600 BC)
 - 1. Complaint (1:2)
 - 2. Babylonian threat (1:6)
 - B. God's answers
 - C. Habakkuk's conclusion
 - 1. His circumstances have not changed
 - 2. His song of trust and joy (3:17-18)
- IV. Paul's extension (Phil. 1:3-7, 18b)
 - A. We haven't had a revelation like Habakkuk
 - B. Paul has joy (1:4, 18)
 - C. How do we get there? (1:4)
 - 1. Thank God (1:3)
 - 2. Pray constantly (1:4)
 - 3. Be confident God's not finished (1:6)
 - 4. Share
 - a. "In the gospel" (1:5)
 - b. "In God's grace" (1:7)
 - c. In advancing the gospel (1:18b)
- V. Conclusion: William Cowper (1731-1800),
"Sometimes a Light Surprises" (1779)