

**Wisdom not Worry**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2020**  
**Habakkuk 3 16a**

I heard and my heart pounded,  
my lips quivered at the sound;  
decay crept into my bones,  
and my legs trembled.

“Let me catch my breath. I’m feeling weak in the knees. I need to sit down a minute.”

This is how Habakkuk responds to hearing of God’s coming judgement on sin and His extraordinary mercy to deliver His people from it.

What is your response to the justice and mercy of God?

The judgment of God is coming. Paul writes, “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming” (Col. 3:5-6). Don’t we see this all around us today?

The judgement of God is coming but the mercy of God has been revealed to us through His Son. Justice and mercy meet at the cross.

At the cross, the punishment of God against sin was poured out. That’s justice. At the cross, the wrath of God was poured out upon His Son instead of me. That’s mercy.

The wrath of God is coming. But all who believe in Jesus Christ will not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). There is no condemnation for those who trust in Him (Romans 8:1). The justice of God has been fully satisfied by the Son of God -“Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him” (Romans 5:9). He is both Just and Justifier (Romans 3: 26). In wrath, He has remembered mercy (Habakkuk 3:2).

May our hearts pound, our lips quiver and legs tremble at the sound it. Be in awe.

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Grateful,  
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