

Wisdom Not Worry
Friday, June 5, 2020
Habakkuk 3:19

**The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer.
He enables me to tread on the heights.**

In this final verse, Habakkuk seems to be recalling David's testimony. "He makes my feet like the feet of a deer and stations me upon the heights. *He* broadens the path beneath me so that my ankles do not give way" (Psalm 18:29,33, 36)

In the words of J. Vernon McGee, the book of Habakkuk "begins with a question mark but closes with an exclamation point." Pleading Habakkuk becomes praising Habakkuk. Worrying Habakkuk is transformed into worshipping Habakkuk – "I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior." How does this happen? By learning what Habakkuk learned.

So often we pray for a life without sharp rocks and steep cliffs. Habakkuk, whose name means "one who embraces," embraced the fact that life as God's chosen is no guarantee of paved paths and pleasant park benches. God does not promise a life of ease. In fact, He's the one who places the rocky crag before us. But as a deer runs with abandon, leaping and bounding over the difficult obstacles, Habakkuk trusts the Sovereign God to give him strength and steady his footing, no matter the terrain.

Are you treading some pretty rough ground? Don't worry. God has placed you there. Every rocky crag has been positioned just as he determined. He never promised to spare you from it but He does promise to strengthen you in it and to accomplish His purposes through it...all of it. Trusting in Christ our Savior who conquered the grave, rose from the dead, rolled the stone and ascended on high, we too are enabled to "tread on the heights."

Grateful,
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