

# What to do in the time of crises and fear



**Walking by faith not by sight**

**Welcome**

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## CALL TO WORSHIP- Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. The LORD is gracious and compassionate and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made. *The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.* The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. Amen.

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**All to Jesus I surrender,**

All to Him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust Him,

In His presence daily live.

**I surrender all,**

I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I

surrender all

**All to Jesus I surrender,**  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

**I surrender all,**  
**I surrender all.**

**All to Thee, my blessed**  
**Savior, I surrender all**

**All to Jesus I surrender,**  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine  
**I surrender all,**  
**I surrender all.**  
**All to Thee, my blessed**  
**Savior, I surrender all**

**All to Jesus I surrender,**  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

**I surrender all,**  
**I surrender all.**

**All to Thee, my blessed**  
**Savior, I surrender all**

**All to Jesus I surrender,**  
Now I feel the sacred flame.  
Oh, the joy of full salvation!  
Glory, glory to His name!

**I surrender all,**  
**I surrender all.**

**All to Thee, my blessed**  
**Savior, I surrender all**

# **Bible Reading**

**Habakkuk 3:16-19**

# Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him with long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

**Prayer of**

**Thanksgiving  
Confession  
Intercession  
Petition**

**The Lord's Prayer**



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# What to do in the time of crises and fear ?

We as Christians do not believe that chance or fate rules the universe, but it is God who control everything in this universe

The Bible tells us that: **God is in control of everything**. It is evident from the Bible that God controls the universe, the physical world, the nations, and human destiny (**Psalm 103:19**)

*“The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all”*



*“His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?” (Daniel 4:34-35).*

# Five important truths about the Providence of God

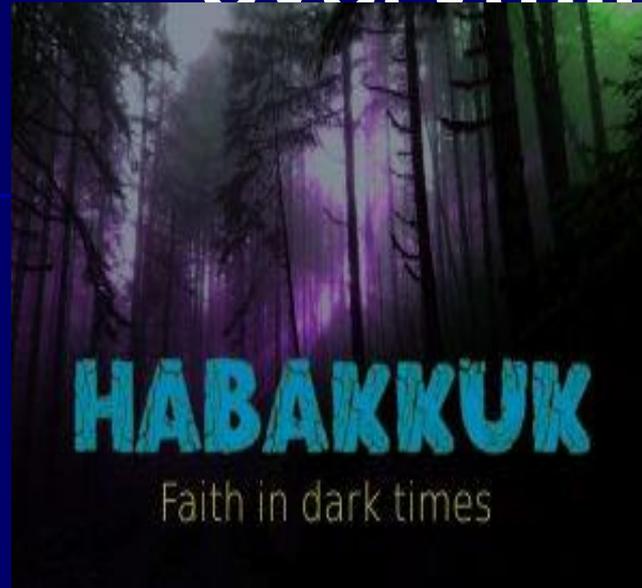
In the Light of the Word of God, here are five statements that summed up and unfold the meaning of God's providence;



- God upholds all things.
- He governs all events.
- He directs everything to its appointed end.
- He does this **all** the time **and in** every circumstance.
- He does it always for good for those who are His that they may glorify His name.

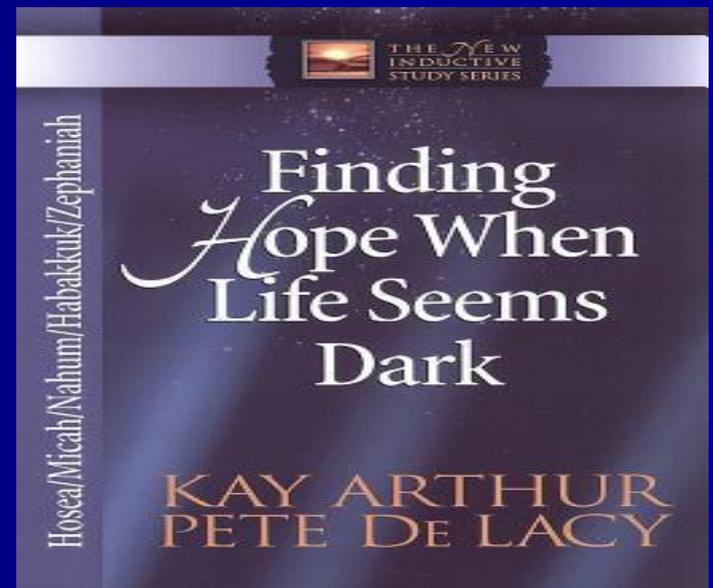
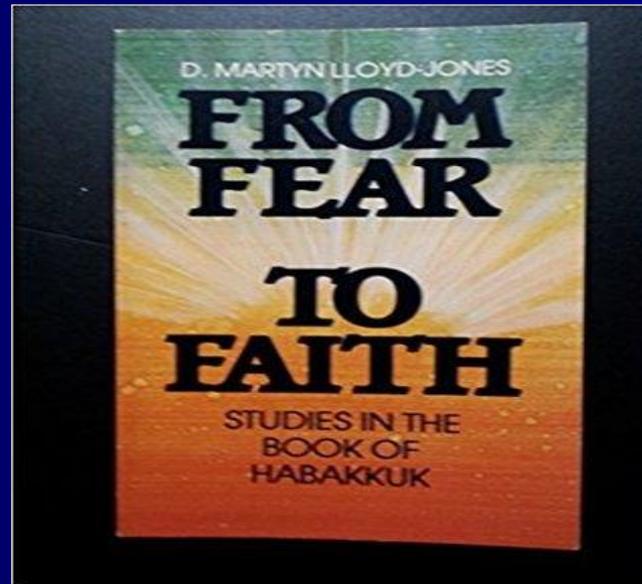
# Fear not, God is in control of everything

Four scenes in the Book of Habakkuk show us that God is in control of everything



**When God seems silent**  
from the book of Habakkuk

**Waiting on God**



Habakkuk was troubled with the “**Why?**”

**Two** dialogue between Habakkuk and God.

The surprising thing was that God had a plan that was stranger than anything Habakkuk could imagine.

**In the first dialogue**, Habakkuk complains to God that he sees suffering, violence and injustice on every hand, yet God seems silent and not doing anything to stop suffering and punish the evildoers.

**Habakkuk's first perplexity at the Lord's neglect of his prayers and apparent indifference to sin and suffering.**

*How long, O Lord, shall I  
cry and You will not hear?  
Even cry out to You  
“Violence!” and You will  
not save? Why do You  
show me iniquity, and  
cause me to see trouble?*

**1:2-4**

**The Lord's answer : I will do strange work that no one could believe it. I will bring the Babylonians to stop evil and suffering in the land (1:5-11)**

*I am raising up the Babylonians a bitter and hasty nation which marches through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.*

**D2:** The Lord's reply though it solved one difficulty, but raised another in Habakkuk's

**How can a Holy God use a wicked nation to punish His people who more righteous than they?**

*Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die (by this way). O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment; O Rock, You have marked them for correction? You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he? 1:12-17*

**Habakkuk was waiting on the Lord and said** *“I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint”*.

To this complaint, the Lord replies that He was not unmindful of the wickedness of the Babylonian and would punish them with five woes (2:6-20) **Those who are counted righteous in the land would be preserved from those terrible sorrows through their faith - v 4**

*Write down the revelation and make it plain so that the herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay, **and the righteous will live by his faith** (2:3-4)*

Habakkuk then prayed that God would grant them mercy in such time of crises.

**He remember in his prayer God's majesty deeds in going before His people Israel from Egypt to give them the Promised Land, and this brings**

*LORD, I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day... in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth... Were you angry with the rivers, LORD? You came out to deliver your people, You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness, you stripped him from head to foot... My lips quivered at the sound of the Babylonians who are coming to crush us; my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.*

**And then by faith and trust in God, he praises God's wisdom even though he does not fully understand God's ways.**

*“Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labour 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. Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, **I will joy in the God of my salvation.** The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills” (3:17-19)*

- ✦ **We do not know what is going on behind the scenes - we just need to trust God.**
- ✦ **In all fear and crises we see, remember that God's silence does not mean His absence, He is there watching over you. He is Sovereign & in control and He will get us through.**
- ✦ **In your troubles of life ask God to fulfil His purpose in you and through you**
- ✦ **Say always with confidence “*Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever*”**  
**Psalm 23.**

## What is the application of Habakkuk for us today?

The world we live in is full of suffering and evil and is not any different from when Habakkuk lived in Judah than 2,500 years ago. **It is not wrong to ask God "Why" as Habakkuk did.** But we must also think through our faith, facing up to the hard questions of life though we may not have ready-made answers. We can trust in God as Habakkuk did, even when we cannot understand what God is doing, we can be confident that He is working things out in His own way and time. We can also learn to rejoice, not in our circumstances, but in God, in who He is and what He will do.

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Father, I place into your hands

**The things I cannot do,**

Father, I place into your hands

The things that I've been through

Father, I place into your hands

The way that I should go,

**For I know I always can trust you.**

Father, I place into your hands  
**My friends and family.**

Father, I place into your hands  
**The things that trouble me.**

Father, I place into your hands  
**The person I would be,**

For I know I always can trust  
you.

Father, we love to see your face,  
We love to hear your voice.

Father, we love to sing your  
praise;

And in your name rejoice

Father, we love to walk with you

And in your presence rest,

For we know we always can  
trust you.

Father, we want to be with you

And do the things you do.

Father, we want to speak the  
words

That you are speaking too.

Father, we want to love the ones

That you will draw to you,

For we know that we are one in

You

**Now to Him who loved us, gave us, every  
pledge that love could give,**

**Freely shed His blood to save us,**

**Gave His life that we may live.**

**Be the kingdom and dominion and the  
glory evermore. Amen.**

**در حال حاضر ، به او که ما را دوست داشت، به ما  
هر تعهدی که عشق می تواند بدهد، به طور رایگان  
خون خود را برای ما نجات داد، زندگی خود را داد که  
ما بتوانیم زندگی کنیم. برای او پادشاهی و سلطنت و  
شکوه و عظمت ابدی باشد.**

**Now unto Him who is able to keep  
Able to keep **us** from falling  
And present **us** faultless  
Before the presence of His glory  
With exceeding joy.**

**To the only wise God  
Our Saviour**

**Be glory and Majesty  
dominion and power**

**Both now and forever, Amen.**