

# The longing of the Christian – Hab.3:1-15

We have longings/dreams

The greatest longing – To know God

# 1. Singing what God has done – v.1,3,9,13,19

The sung prayer in ch.3 is:

- a. A response to God's revelation in ch.2
- b. A reminder that singing is at the heart of the Christian faith

## 2. Longing for God to act –v.2

Ch.3 is a prayer of submission – cf. Job 42:1-6

a. God is in control – v.2a

b. A prayer for revival – v.2b

Wrath & mercy – Ex.34:6,7; Lam.3; Rom.3:26;  
11:22; Eph.2:3,4; 1 John 1:9 etc. The Cross

# 3. Seeing the truth about God – v.3-15

## a. The glory of God in his coming – v.3-7

God has come. God is coming

- Jesus' first coming – John 1:14
- Jesus coming again – Mt.24:30

## b. The victory of the Warrior-King

God is the Divine Warrior – Ex.15:1; Josh.5:13-15;  
Rev.19:11-16; Col.2:13-15; Rev.5:5,6.

The Cross is:-

1. THE place of victory
2. Victory achieved through suffering & weakness

## 4. Implications for us

- a. Have you taken hold of God's mercy?
- b. How much do you think about God?
  - his wrath & mercy
  - his awesome majesty & loving compassion
  - him as glorious victor & suffering servant
- c. What is at the heart of your praying?

Is.64:1-4