LESSON 5:
Our God is a Consuming Fire

Habakkuk 1-3
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The Prophet’s Question (1:1-4)
  The LORD’s Response (1:5-11)

The Prophet’s Question (1:12-2:1)
  The Lord’s Response (2:2-20)

The Prophet’s Psalm (3:1-19)
God’s work in the world
Correcting Some Misconceptions about Habakkuk

• Not unique among the prophets
• Not a skeptic or a doubter
• Not a speculative philosopher
And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.
Genesis 12:3

In you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
Martin Luther

-opus alienum  (alien work)
-opus proprium  (proper work)
Isaiah 28:21

For the LORD will rise up as at Mount Perazim,
He will be stirred up as in the valley of Gibeon,
To do His task, His unusual task,
And to work His work, His extraordinary work.
Isaiah 45:15

Truly, You are a God who hides Himself,
O God of Israel, Savior!
Curse

Israel’s Disobedience (1:1-4 “How long?”)

Babylonian Conquest (1:5-11 “Be astonished!”)

God’s Promise

Actual History

(Restored) Blessing

(What Habakkuk Expected: Israel’s Obedience)
The Doctrine of God’s Wrath

• God’s wrath is hidden.
• God’s work of wrath serves His work of salvation.
• Both God’s work of wrath and His work of salvation serve His glory.