

is good and we must try to show forth the principles of God's righteousness in this world, in our lives and in our dealings with others. And so, we have this great stress upon these matters of sin, but we have an occasional verse here which looks beyond, like verse 14, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Just a glimpse of the marvelous millennial period which is ahead when Jesus Christ will reign in righteousness over this earth. Oh, may we be there with Him, reigning with Him, serving Him, knowing Him, who died that we might live, and his instruments in that great time, and in verse 20, "The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him." Now, we are not going to have time this morning to look at the prayer of Habakkuk, which is in ~~simply~~ chapter three but I simply want to call attention to the last two verses, the first two ~~to~~ of the last three verses of the prayer, which stress again this central feature of the book. Salvation by faith, and the attitude of faith in God's faithfulness, in everything in our lives, Verse 17, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive tree shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls.."

Though there be depression, though there be desolation, though there be misery --though everything go wrong, what is he going to do. Yes, I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation. God gives Christians prosperity, over a period of time the level of the economic well-being of Christian people rises above that of the average of other people. That is always true in every area. Take these people as a group, those who have principles of honesty and decency and industry. Over a period of time, they inevitably rise