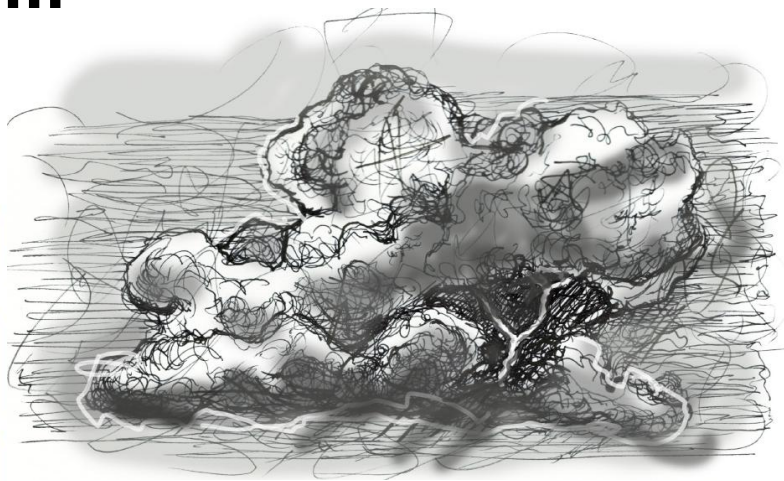


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## Joy in the Storm

Habakkuk

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**Habakkuk 1:1-4**

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

<sup>2</sup> How long, LORD, must I call for help,  
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked hem in the righteous,  
so that justice is perverted.

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**Habakkuk 1:5-11**God's Reply

<sup>5</sup> "Look at the nations and watch—  
and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days  
that you would not believe  
even if you were told.

<sup>6</sup> I am raising up the Babylonians,  
that ruthless and impetuous people,  
who sweep across the whole earth  
to seize dwellings not their own.

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**Habakkuk 1:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> Lord, are you not from everlasting?  
My God, my Holy One, you will never die.  
You, LORD, have appointed them  
to execute judgment;  
you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

<sup>13</sup> Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;  
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?

Why are you silent while the wicked  
swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

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**Habakkuk 2:1**

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.

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## Habakkuk 2:2-20

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation  
and make it plain on tablets  
so that a herald may run with it.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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<sup>4</sup> “See, the enemy is puffed up  
his desires are not upright—

but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness

<sup>5</sup> indeed, wine betrays him;  
he is arrogant and never at rest.

Because he is as greedy as the grave  
and like death is never satisfied,  
he gathers to himself all the nations  
and takes captive all the peoples.

<sup>6-20</sup> Woe to Babylon.. → a taunt by their victims  
Judgment will come (eventually)

➤ Babylon will suffer as it caused others to suffer

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<sup>14</sup> For the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>20</sup> The Lord is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth be silent before him.

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### **Habakkuk 3:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, I have heard of your fame;  
I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.

Repeat them in our day,  
in our time make them known;  
in wrath remember mercy.

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### **Habakkuk 3:16-19**

<sup>16</sup> I heard and my heart pounded,  
my lips quivered at the sound;  
decay crept into my bones,  
and my legs trembled.

Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity  
to come on the nation invading us.

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<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there are no grapes on the vines,  
though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food,  
though there are no sheep in the pen  
and no cattle in the stalls,

<sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the LORD,  
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

<sup>19</sup> The Sovereign LORD is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,  
he enables me to tread on the heights.

For the director of music.  
On my stringed instruments.

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## The Big Idea

**Joy in the storm  
is the work of God in us  
through faith in Him**

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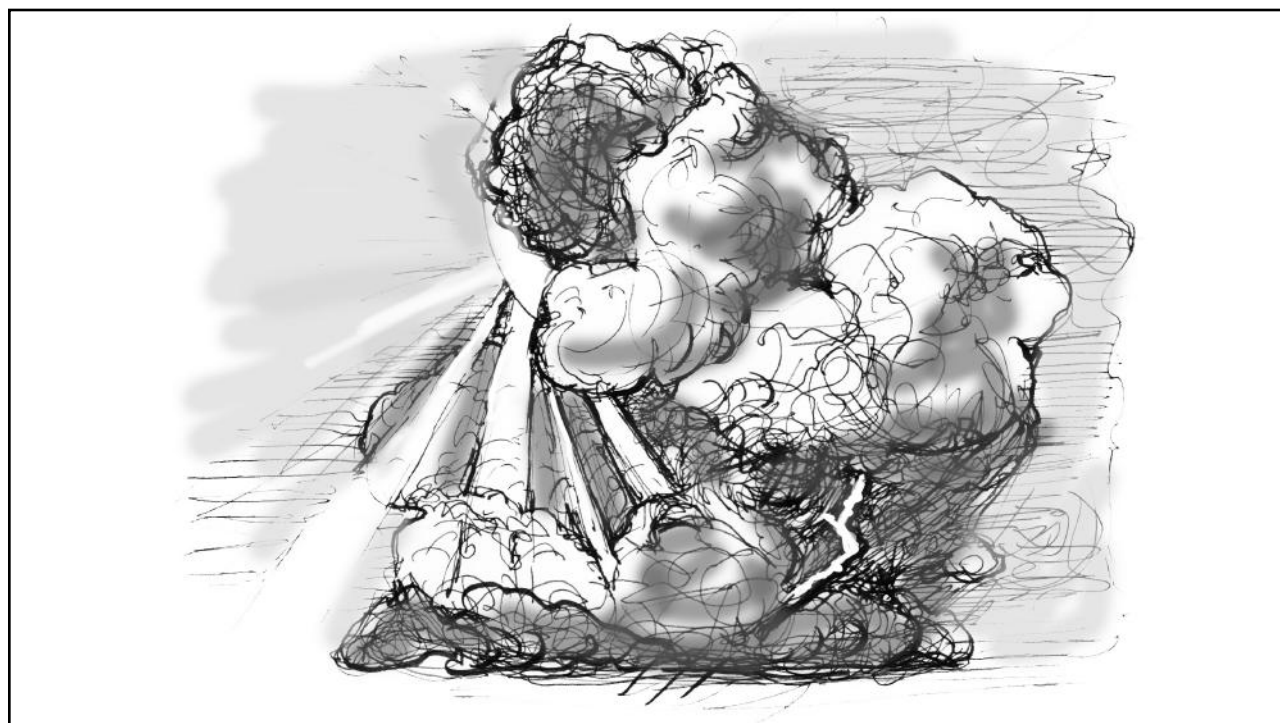
It is good to rejoice  
when we experience God's goodness

Rejoicing in God  
when we aren't experiencing His goodness  
is a **purser faith**

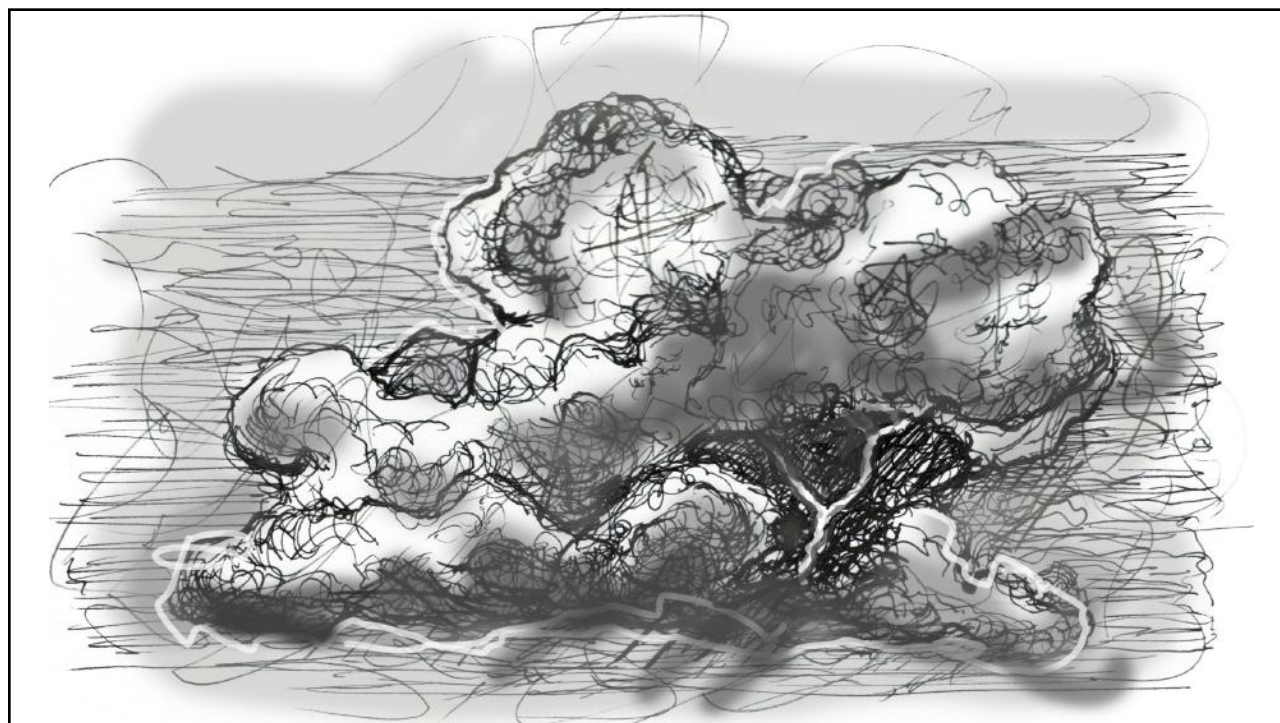
**It shows His glory more clearly**

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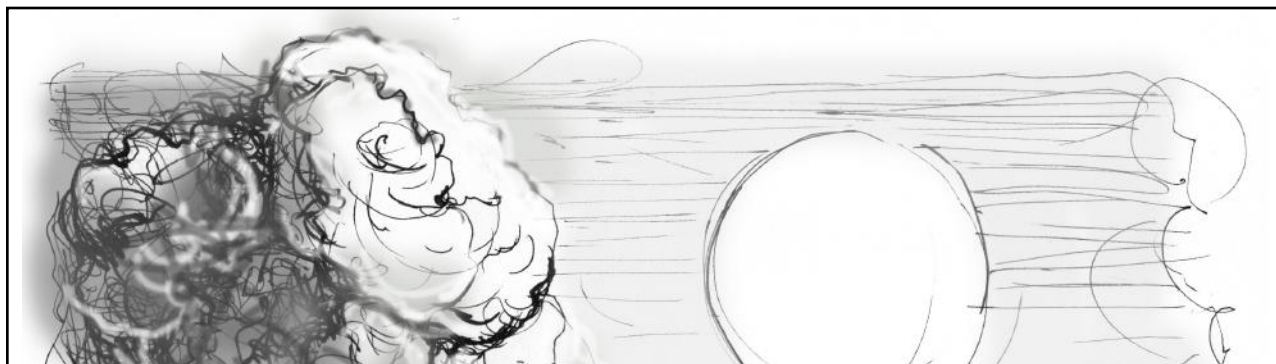


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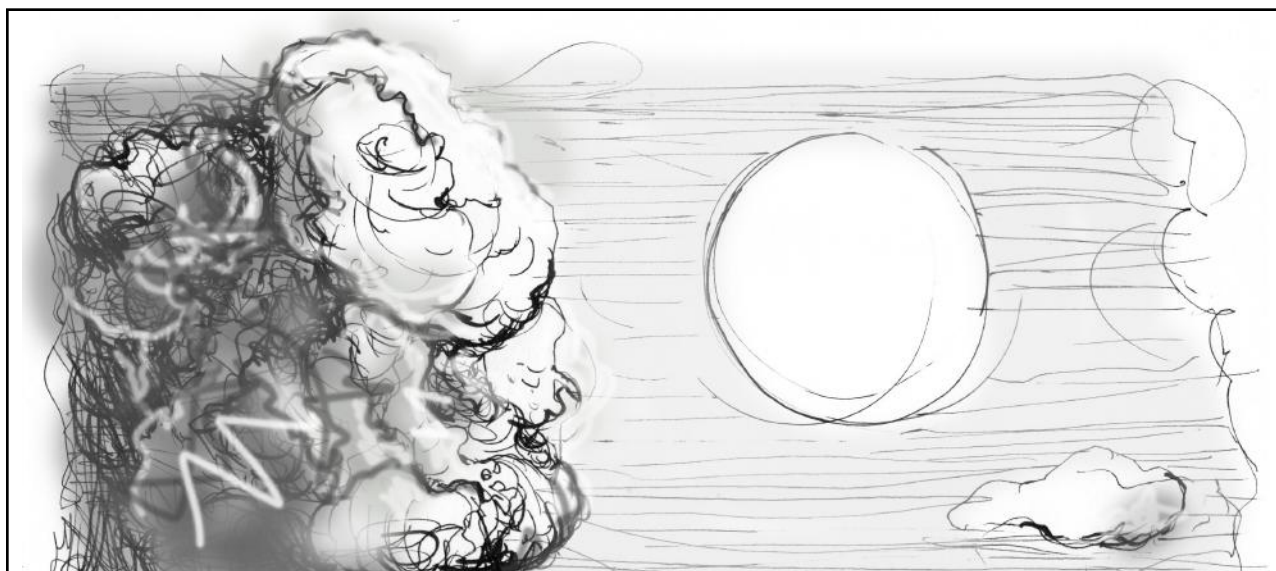




For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

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The entire present world order may pass away  
But God's grace to his people is limitless forever!

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## Aphantasia

Inability to visualize what our eyes aren't seeing

### Treatment

➤ Imagery training → draw, paint, describe

We don't see everything subject to Jesus now

"But we do **see Jesus**, who was made lower than the angels **for a little while**, **now** **crowned with glory and honor** because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

*Hebrews 2:8-9*

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### Size of the Sun

- Kilometers across: **695,700**
- Volume:

**1,412,000,000,000,000,000**

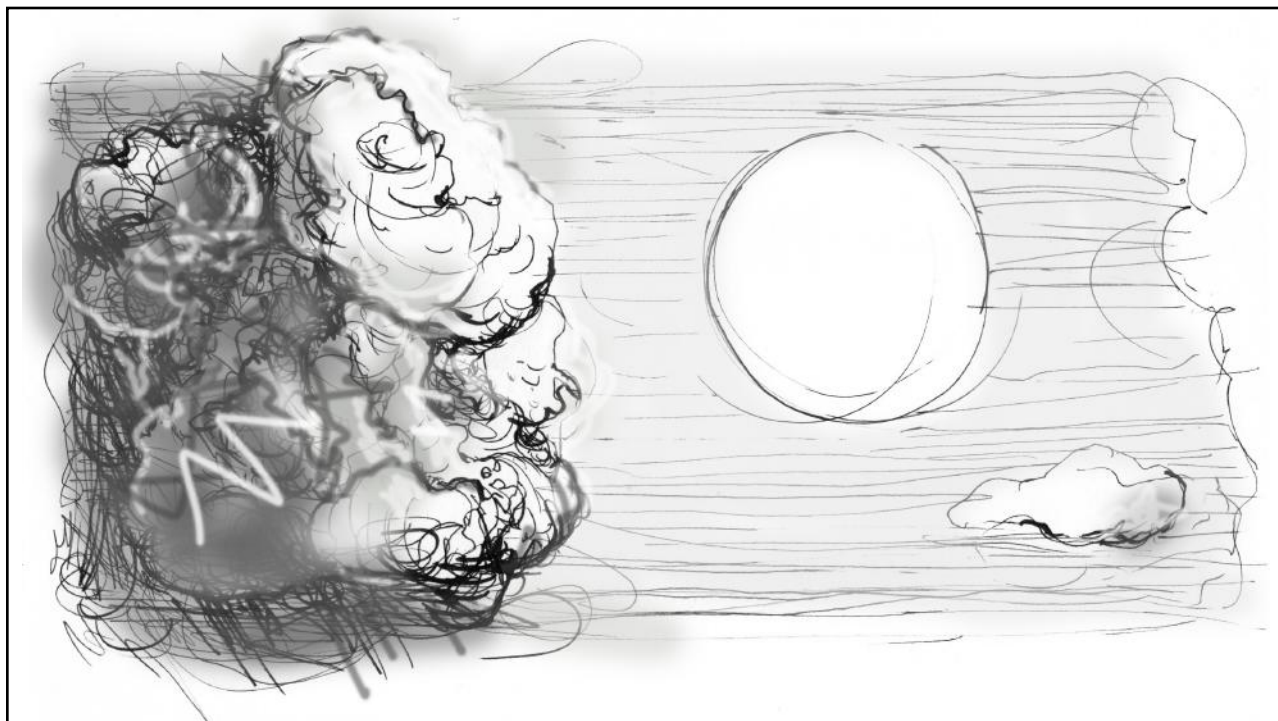
### Size of the Son of God

### Size of a thunderstorm

- Kilometers across: **24**
- Volume: **7,372**

### Size of our troubles

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## What are we to do?

Fix the eyes of our hearts  
on our unseen God

- “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, **set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed** at his coming.”

*1 Peter 1:13*

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"I pray that the eyes of your heart  
may be enlightened in order  
**that you may know the hope  
to which he has called you..."**

Ephesians 1:18

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