

# CHARACTER BUILDER

## MESSAGE NOTES

### Haggai – God is Worthy

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#### FACTS ABOUT HAGGAI:

- Haggai was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ prophets, ministering after the Jewish people returned from Babylonian captivity (Ezra 5–6).
- His ministry occurred in \_\_\_\_\_, making him one of the last Old Testament prophets before the 400 years of prophetic silence.
- The central issue in the book is the rebuilding of the \_\_\_\_\_. Although the people had returned to Jerusalem nearly twenty years earlier, they had neglected God's house while focusing on building comfortable homes for themselves (Haggai 1:2–4).
- Haggai preached alongside the prophet \_\_\_\_\_. Together they encouraged Zerubbabel (the governor) and Joshua (the high priest) to complete the Temple (Ezra 5:1–2).
- One of Haggai's recurring themes is " \_\_\_\_\_ " (1:5, 7), calling God's people to evaluate their hearts before correcting their actions.
- Haggai teaches that \_\_\_\_\_ brings \_\_\_\_\_, while neglecting God often results in \_\_\_\_\_ and frustrated labor (1:6–11; 2:15–19).
- Although the book is only \_\_\_\_\_ long (38 verses), it powerfully emphasizes God's holiness, sovereignty, faithfulness, future kingdom, and \_\_\_\_\_ to receive first place in our lives.

#### GOD'S WORTHINESS:

HIS \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_, DESERVING OF ALL  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_. THIS CONCEPT IS  
CENTRAL TO CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY.

#### HAGGAI CLEARLY REVEALS TO ME THAT...

1) GOD IS WORTHY OF \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then the Lord sent this message through the prophet Haggai: 'Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? ... Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord.'" – Haggai 1:3-4, 8*

(Jesus) *“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”* – Matthew 6:33

*“You must not have any other god but me.”* – Exodus 20:3

*“...for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see – such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.”* – Colossians 1:16-18

## **2) GOD IS WORTHY OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of God’s people began to obey the message from the Lord their God. When they heard the words of the prophet Haggai, whom the Lord their God had sent, the people feared the Lord. Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave the people this message from the Lord: “I am with you, says the Lord!” So the Lord sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God’s people. They began to work on the house of their God, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, on September 21 of the second year of King Darius’s reign.”* – Haggai 1:12-15

### **Memory Verse:**

*“But Samuel replied, ‘What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.’”* – 1 Samuel 15:22

(Jesus) *“If you love me, obey my commandments.”* – John 14:15

*“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”* – James 1:22

## **3) GOD IS WORTHY EVEN WHEN \_\_\_\_\_ SEE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Then on October 17 of that same year, the Lord sent another message through the prophet Haggai ... ‘Does anyone remember this house – this Temple – in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all! But now the Lord says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid ... In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!’”* – Haggai 2:1, 3-9

*“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand.’ (The seven lamps represent the eyes of the Lord that search all around the world.)” – Zechariah 4:10*

*“Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.”  
– Romans 8:18*

#### 4) GOD IS WORTHY BECAUSE HE’S \_\_\_\_\_ AN \_\_\_\_\_.

*“On that same day, December 18, the Lord sent this second message to Haggai: ‘Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that I am about to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overthrow royal thrones and destroy the power of foreign kingdoms. I will overturn their chariots and riders. The horses will fall, and their riders will kill each other. But when this happens, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, I will honor you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant. I will make you like a signet ring on my finger, says the Lord, for I have chosen you. I, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!’” – Haggai 2:20-23*

*“During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever.”  
– Daniel 2:44*

*“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: ‘The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.’”  
– Revelation 11:15*

#### MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize 1 Samuel 15:22.
- ☐ Assess my priorities and make sure God is in first place.
- ☐ Commit to complete obedience to God and His Word.
- ☐ Sign up to publicly profess my faith in Jesus by getting baptized next Sunday, July 19, during the 11:00am worship service.

\* Join us next Sunday, July 19, at 11:00am, as we continue our *Character Builder* teaching series looking at, “Zechariah: God is Strategic.” Invite a friend or family member to attend with us!



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