

Sermon Listening Guide (July 27, 2025)

Scripture: Haggai 2:10-19

Sermon Title: “Give Careful Thought”

First Thoughts

Four months into the temple reconstruction, God used Haggai to quiz the priests.

On the surface, all was well, but God was not happy with the heart condition of his people.

Spiritual Defilement

Verses 10-19 pose two important questions about spiritual cleanliness.

Evil is contagious, but holiness is not contagious.

Mankind is easily tainted by sin.

Bad company and isolation are a few things that lead to sin.

Spiritual Cleanliness

Some temple workers must have thought the temple was like a magical amulet.

What role do baptism and communion play in Baptist life?

While we should do the work of the church, Jesus wants our hearts to surrender to him.

The temple workers were apparently more “religious” than they were spiritual.

Many churches/individuals show signs of life but are in fact spiritually dead.

Remedy

Verses 15-19 show how God gets the attention of disobedient people.

In our verses, the people turned their hearts back to God and were promised blessings.

In John 3:3, Jesus explained our need to be born again.

No work on the temple/church will get you into heaven.

There are no magical amulets in Christianity...just total surrender to Jesus.

Final Thoughts

Since Jesus did all the work, we must not depend on our works for spiritual life.