

A. Sermon Slides

Slide 1: Title

Haggai: Priorities, Disappointment and Glory

Haggai 2:1-9

Slide 2:

Haggai 2:1-9 (ESV)

In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: “Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, ‘Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.’ ”

Slide 3:

Haggai's Context

1406 BC: Hebrew nation enter the Promised Land

1020 BC: First King (Saul)

1000 BC: David (Best King)

950 BC: Solomon's Temple

930 BC: Divided Kingdom

800-450 BC: Minor Prophets

722 BC: Northern Kingdom falls to Assyria

586 BC: Southern kingdom falls to Babylon

538 BC: Israel returns to Jerusalem

Slide 4:

Image (Attached)

Slide 5:

August 29, 520 BC: Sermon 1

October 17, 520 BC: Sermon 2

December 18, 520 BC: Sermons 3 and 4

Slide 6:
Role of a Prophet:
Jeremiah 1:10 (ESV)

to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.

Slide 7:
"Consider your ways..."

Slide 8:
The only thing that "satisfies" is God Himself!

Slide 9:
They were discouraged because they had "bad" eyes again.
They assessed value incorrectly.

Slide 10:
The Christian life is ALL about priorities and disappointment.

Slide 11:
The ideal is not the destination. Change is the destination, and disappointment is God's tool to bring transformation

Slide 12:
Jesus the Eternal Temple, a disappointment to those who could not see with the eyes of God.

B. Group Discussion

1) How would you know if your priorities are not in line with where God would have them?

2) Have you ever tried really hard to be good, or faithful, or obedient...and become discouraged or disappointed in the outcome? Explain.

3) How can disappointment (in whatever circumstances) help to grow and purify our hearts and motives?

4) Jesus was so unassuming and unattractive that the great majority never saw Him as an important figure. Most walked away. Everyone was eventually disappointed after

the crucifixion. What lessons can we learn about how we "see" the world, and the way that God sees value in the world around us?

5) In what way did Jesus' death glorify the Father in heaven?

6) Prayer and praise