

Vines Blessed

if we don't reflect, church is our image.

Introduction

CHURCH FOR PEOPLE LIKE US

WHAT IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR LIFE?

CHURCH
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PERSONAL TODAY

GOD IS HELPING US UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

We Need Clean Hands

Haggai 2:10-14 - 10On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, 11"Thus says the Lord of hosts: Ask the priests about the law: 12If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment and touches with his fold bread or stew or wine or oil or any kind of food, does it become holy?" The priests answered and said, "No." 13Then Haggai said, "If someone who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?" The priests answered and said, "It does become unclean." 14Then Haggai answered and said, "So is it with this people, and with this nation before me, declares the Lord, and so with every work of their hands. And what they offer there is unclean."

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PRIESTS ADDRESSED

ASKING ABOUT BY APPOINTED LAW

Leviticus 10:10-11 - You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean, and you are to teach the people of Israel all the statutes that the Lord has spoken to them by Moses.

HOLY → UNHOLY = HOLY? NO
UNCLEAN → UNHOLY + UNCLEAN? YES
DEUT 17: LISTEN TO THEM!

ISAIAH: DOING WELL, GOOD SACRIFICES BUT TEMPLE NEEDED PRIORITY

NO PERFECT ACTIONS, GOD DOESN'T NEED PERFECT, MURDER

Isaiah 1:11-17 - What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord, I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? Bring no more vain offerings, incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean, remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Matthew 9:10-13 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

SACRIFICE: DOING THE RIGHT THING
MORAL: STEADFAST LOVE

WHICH ARE YOU MORE COMFORTABLE WITH?

YOU CAN EXHAUST YOURSELF W/ BURNING MOTIVES OR DELIGHT IN MORAL

L GIVING + RECEIVING

NOT EARNING, BUT POSTURE

We Need Changed Hearts

Haggai 2:15-17 - 15"Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the Lord, 16how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty. 17I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and with mildew and with hail, yet you did not turn to me, declares the Lord."

BACKWARDS REFLECTION BEFORE REPENTANCE, HOW DID IT GO?

DON'T RETURN → RETURN LIKE THEY USED TO

A MOMENT WHEN ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

I'M DONE!

IT'S ALL GOING DOWN AROUND ME!

COVENANT CURSES

- GOD HAS LOVING BOUNDARIES

DO YOU TASTE HIS GOODNESS?

Hebrews 12:7-11 - It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

HOW CAN THIS SEASON LEADING TO BAPTISM BE USED TO EXAMINE MOTIVES + EFFORTS?

We Need New Mercies

Haggai 2:18-19 - 18"Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid, consider: 19Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you."

BAD NOW, BUT HEART REPENTANT

I WILL BLESS

CRU - PUBLIC REPENTANCE ANGER PROBLEM

WHY?

GOD BLESSES OBEDIENCE + PEOPLE WHO LIVE UNDER HIS WORD

I DIDN'T GET WHAT I THOUGHT I WANTED, I TOOK A STEP CLOSER TO SEB'S THOUGHT

John 15:5 - I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

IN HIM: NEW MERCIES GROWTH ALL THINGS

APART: NOTHING

CHOOSE LIFE

PLESSANCE THROUGH VINES