

ONE PRAYER- OBEY January 14, 2024 HAGGAI 2



REDEMPTION Obedience is never meant to be an option.

21 DAY WHISPER PRAYER AND FAST

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.' 1 Samuel 3:10

Sticky Statement: Conditional obedience to God will always become complete disobedience to God.

If you aren't willing to listen to everything God has to say, eventually you won't hear anything He has to say.

"shema" = listen & obey; pay attention to or focus on; to respond to what you hear.

"⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." **Deut. 6:4** "Be a doer of the word not a hearer only, deceiving yourselves." **James 1:22**

THERE ARE 3 NON-NEGOTIABLES TO OBEYING GOD:

1. OBEYING GOD WILL ALWAYS REQUIRE YOU TO LIVE A <u>COMPLETELY</u> SURRENDERED LIFE.

Jesus is NOT someone we try in life---Jesus is someone we trust with our life.

"I am determined to obey You until I die." Psalm 119:112 TLB

If you want to HEAR God speak to this year ... the question becomes are you willing to OBEY what you hear?

2. OBEYING GOD WILL ALWAYS REQUIRE YOU TO LIVE A <u>CLEAN</u> LIFE.

'If one of you is carrying some meat from a holy sacrifice in his robes and his robe happens to brush against some bread or stew, wine or olive oil, or any other kind of food, will it also become holy?' The priests replied, "No." Then Haggai asked, "If someone becomes ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person and then touches any of these foods, will the food be defiled?" And the priests answered, "Yes." ¹⁴ Then Haggai responded, "That is how it is with this people and this nation, says the Lord. <u>Everything they do and everything they offer is defiled by their sin."</u> Haggai 2:12-14

When your life isn't right with God, then everything you do will be wrong.

"Look at what was happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of the Lord's Temple." ¹⁶ When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. ¹⁷ I <u>sent blight and mildew and hail to</u> <u>destroy everything you worked so hard to produce</u>. Even so, you refused to <u>return to me</u>, says the Lord." V15-17

God is not out to GET YOU ... God is out to LOVE YOU.

3. OBEYING GOD WILL ALWAYS REQUIRE YOU TO LIVE A <u>CONFESSED</u> LIFE."

"¹⁹ I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. <u>But from this day onward</u>, <u>I will bless you</u>." v19

Do The Word: Proverbs 28:13

"People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy."

Repentance= "metanoia" = "a change of mind that leads to a change in my behavior."

Take a few moments together to listen, reflect and respond to God with a prayer of confession.

• <u>We confess to our sin to GOD so we can be forgiven</u>. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." **1 John 1:9**

Prayer: God, I know you've been speaking to me about any area in my life that I haven't wanted to obey you in...

We confess our sin to one another so we can be healed.

"Therefore, <u>confess your sins to each other</u> and what ...<u>pray for each</u> <u>other</u> so that you may be what healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Respond: Now confess to someone you trust, and have them pray over you so that you may be healed. We are only as sick as our secrets.