

MANUSCRIPT STUDY HANDOUT  
HAGGAI: BUILDING FOR HIS GLORY (LESSON 3)

LESSON 3: The Sovereign Audit and God's Blowout

PASSAGE: HAGGAI 1:7-11

| MARGINS / NOTES | SCRIPTURE TEXT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                 | <p><sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the <sup>[a]</sup>temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> "You looked for much, but indeed <i>it came to little</i>; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that <i>is in ruins</i>, while every one of you runs to his own house.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of <i>your hands</i>."</p> |

## THE ANATOMY OF TRUE REPENTANCE

\* **Heart-First, Hands-Second** —> True repentance turns the heart to God before it turns the hands to work (Prov 4:23 / Matt 5).

\* **Religious Conformity Trap** —> Behavioral changes without a changed heart may fool others, but leaves us distant from God.

\* **The Choice of Flourishing** —> Aligning with God brings harmony; resisting Him invites His active frustration of our plans.

1. HEART-FIRST REPENTANCE (vv. 7–8): \* Haggai calls them to "Consider your ways" before telling them to "Go up and build." Why is outward religious activity meaningless if it doesn't stem from an inward heart change toward God?

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2. SATAN VS. PRIORITIES (vv. 9–11): \* Verse 11 says GOD called for the drought. Why are we tempted to blame Satan or "bad luck" for hard times when God is actually disrupting our comfort to call us back to Himself?

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PERSONAL REFLECTION & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION  
The Law exposes the purse with holes, but only the Gospel gives us a new heart to put God first. Attempt great things for God because Christ has done great things for you."

1. Have you ever caught yourself engaging in outward religious behavior to convince others you are doing fine, while your heart was actually distant from God?

2. Where in your life are you experiencing a lack of flourishing or "God working against your plans" because you have postponed obedience to Him?