

MANUSCRIPT STUDY HANDOUT
HAGGAI: BUILDING FOR HIS GLORY (CHAPTER 1 FINALE)

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LESSON 6: CLEAN HANDS, TRANSFORMED HEARTS — HOLINESS, DEFILEMENT, &
BERAKAH PASSAGE:
PASSAGE: HAGGAI 2:10-19

MARGINS / NOTES	SCRIPTURE TEXT
Date: Dec 18, 520 BC [10] 2 months after last word Hidden structural flaw addressed at foundation Priestly Ruling #1 Holiness non-transferable Holy meat = remains common Good works don't cleanse Priestly Ruling #2 Defilement is contagious Corpse defilement = unclean Ruined temple= decaying body Trap of Formalism Form without inner power (Rev. 3:1; 2 Tim 3:5; Mt 23) Unrepentant hands = Unclean	10 On the twenty-fourth <i>day</i> of the ninth <i>month</i>, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Now, ask the priests <i>concerning the law</i>, saying, 12 “If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?” ’ ” Then the priests answered and said, “No.” 13 And Haggai said, “If <i>one who is unclean because of a dead body</i> touches any of these, will it be unclean?” So the priests answered and said, “It shall be unclean.” 14 Then Haggai answered and said, “ ‘So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,’ says the LORD, ‘and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

Consider the Call #1 Limits of hardships Empty Measures Agricultural collapse	15 ‘And now, carefully consider from this day forward: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD—
Pain Vs. Heart Conversion Physical trials failed Hardships reveals condition Grace transforms the heart	16 since those <i>days</i>, when <i>one</i> came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were <i>but</i> ten; when <i>one</i> came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were <i>but</i> twenty.
Consider Call #2 Moment of repentance Foundation day turning point	17 I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not <i>turn</i> to Me,’ says the LORD.
Grace Rewrites the Harvest 0% Visible harvest Favor Before the fruit Berekah activated instantly	18 ‘Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD’s temple was laid—consider it: 19 Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded <i>fruit</i>. <i>But</i> from this day I will bless <i>you</i>

DISCOVERY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- HE TRAP OF THE FORM (vv. 10–14):** In what ways are we tempted to rely on "forms of godliness" (church attendance, past efforts, religious routines) rather than bringing a clean, repentant heart before God? How does spiritual contagion explain why busy hands cannot sanitize an unyielded spirit?
- THE POWER OF THE PROMISE — BERAKAH (vv. 15–19):** How does knowing that God's blessing (berakah) rests entirely on His grace—even before we see the full harvest or seeds leaving the barn—encourage your daily obedience and trust in Him?