

HAGGAI

"On December 18 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD sent this message to the prophet Haggai: **11** 'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says. Ask the priests this question about the law: 12 '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.' 13 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. Everything they do and everything they offer is defiled by their sin. 15 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 sent blight and mildew and hail to destroy everything you worked so hard to produce. Even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD. 18 "Think about this eighteenth day of December, the day when the foundation of the LORD's Temple was laid. Think carefully. 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. But from this day onward I will bless you."



Haggai Tells Us God is Calling His People to:

1. Consider their WAYS.

- 2. Consider their GOD.
- 3. Consider their <u>ACTONS</u>.

Leviticus 11:44 (NLT) — "For I am the LORD your God. You must consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. So do not defile yourselves with any of these small animals that scurry along the ground."

1 Peter 1:16 (NLT) — "For the Scriptures say, 'You must be holy because I am holy."



A Word to **REVEAL**

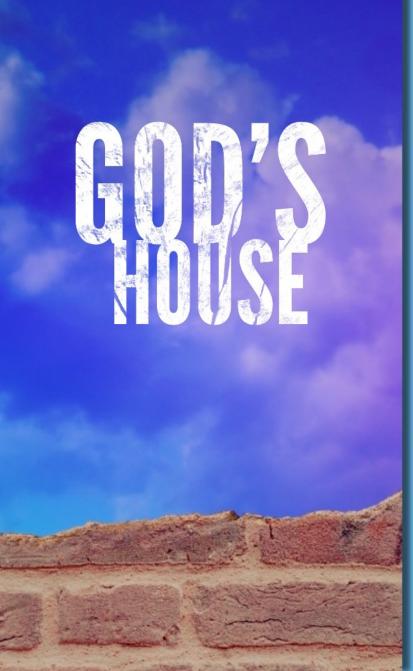


A Word to REVEAL :

1. Notice the AUDIENCE

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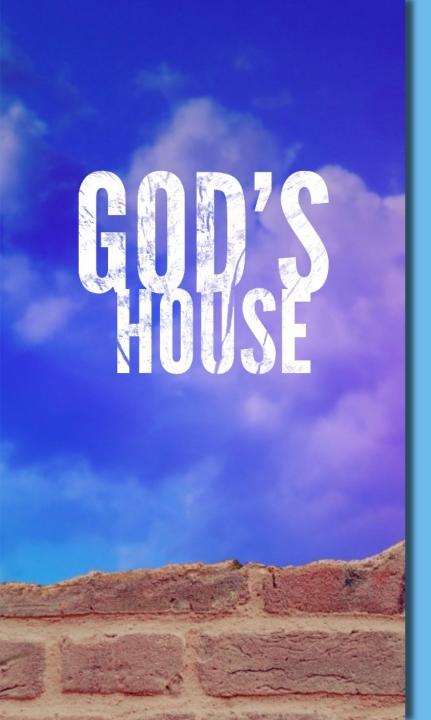


A Word to REVEAL :

- 1. Notice the AUDIENCE
 - The PRIESTS

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) — "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."

Haggai 2:12–13 (NLT) — "'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.' 13 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.'"



A Word to REVEAL:

- 1. Notice the AUDIENCE
- 2. Notice the ANNALYSIS
 - Righteousness is never transferred by physical contact
 - An unclean object COULD defile something previously considered clean



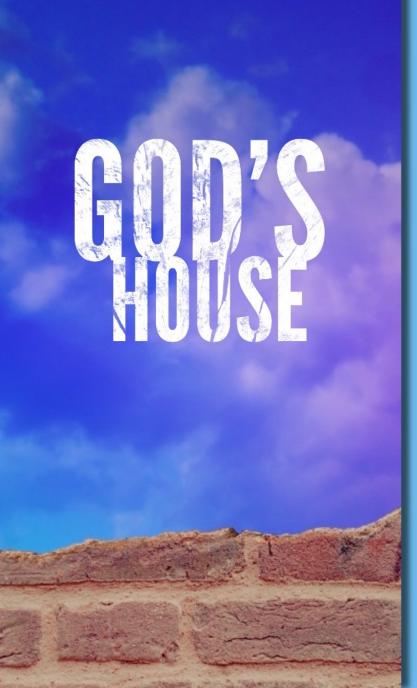
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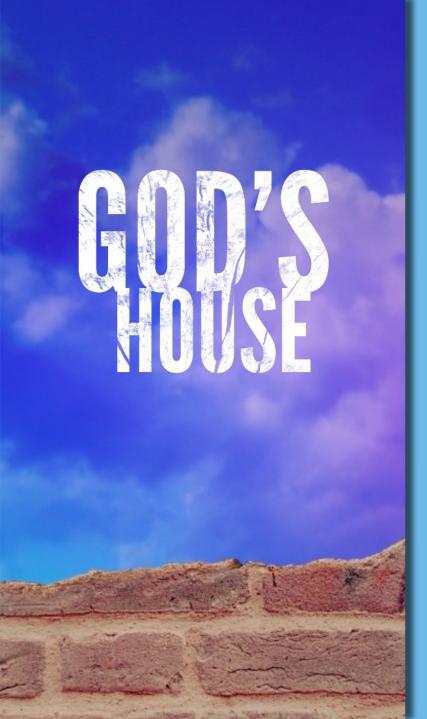
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A Word to REBUKE:

- 1. Notice their **DEFILEMENT**
- 2. Notice their **DELINCUENCY**

Haggai 2:15 (NLT) — "Look at what was happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of the LORD's Temple."



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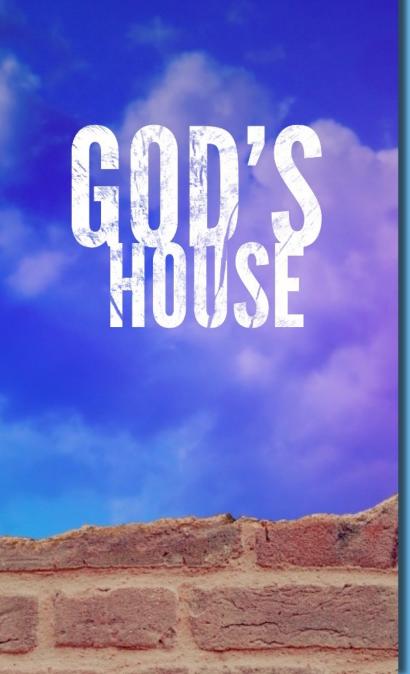
- 1. Notice their **DEFILEMENT**
- 2. Notice their **DELINQUENCY**
 - Their hearts weren't set on the things of God



A Word to REBUKE:

- 1. Notice their **DEFILEMENT**
- 2. Notice their **DELINCUENCY**
- 3. Notice their DESPAIR

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- 4. Notice their **DEFIANCE**



A Word to **REASSURE**

Haggai 2:18 (NLT) — "Think about this eighteenth day of December, the day when the foundation of the LORD's Temple was laid. Think carefully."



The **PROMISE**

Haggai 2:19 (NLT) — "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. But from this day onward I will bless you."

Where do you stand in your relationship with the Lord?