

HAGGAI Part 1 HANDOUT

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We have to come to a place in life where we want to serve God more than we want to serve ourselves.

HAGGAI 1:1 In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:

They are more concerned about their lives than building Temple

HAGGAI 1:2 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”

God’s vision for them isn’t on the forefront of their minds.

HAGGAI 1:3-4 3Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

KEY: They focused on self-comfort over loving obedience.

The irony here is that their life choices haven’t turned out well.

HAGGAI 1:6 6You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

KEY: Neglecting God’s work is neglecting God Himself.

HAGGAI 1:5, 7 5Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.

7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Take a step back and consider what you are doing, and why are you doing it.

HAGGAI 1:8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.

Get your priorities straight, and don't stop there. **Take action**

HAGGAI 1:9-11 "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. 10Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. 11I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

What does this mean for God's people? *Perhaps you are not bothered about building God's Temple because you are not bothered about God's glory.*

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

God's temple is now described as the people that make up God's church. When we become less concerned about the growth, and unity, and mission of the church, it is a sign of our failure to love the glory of God.

HAGGAI 1:12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

God is not honored by good intention. Godly sorrow leads to repentance.

HAGGAI 1:13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord.

HAGGAI 1:14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God...

POINT: If we're not passionately prioritizing the work of building God's church, it's an indication that we're not passionately prioritizing God.