

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Haggai – Chapter 2:10-23
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HAGGAI'S 1ST MESSAGE KEY PHRASE: Prioritize God First In Your Life

HAGGAI'S 2ND MESSAGE Keyphrase: Be STRONG, Don't Give Up!

1. Look up: God is with us

2. Look within: We are Contaminated (unworthy)

Haggai 2:10 (NASB) *On the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Haggai the prophet, saying,*

A. This is about two months after verses 1-9 (Dec. 18), the Lord spoke to Haggai again and gave him a message about sin.

Haggai 2:11 (NASB) *"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Ask now the priests for a ruling:*

B. God sends Haggai to the Levitical priests who were experts in Mosaic Law to ask them two questions.

Haggai 2:12 (NASB) *'If a man carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and touches bread with this fold, or cooked food, wine, oil, or any other food, will it become holy?'" And the priests answered, "No."*

1) Question #1— Understanding the Holiness of God.

Haggai 2:13-14 (NASB) *Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean from a corpse touches any of these, will the latter become unclean?" And the priests answered, "It will become unclean." Then Haggai said, " 'So is this people. And so is this nation before Me,' declares the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.*

2) Question #2— Understanding the Sinful nature of Man

C. Haggai explains the applied Grace of God and His unmerited favor on them.

Haggai 2:15-16 (NASB) *'But now, do consider from this day onward: before one stone was placed on another in the temple of the LORD, from that time when one came to a grain heap of twenty measures, there would be only ten; and when one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there would be only twenty.*

1) The people working on the temple could not impart any holiness to it, but they could defile it by their sins.

Haggai 2:17 (NASB) *'I smote you and every work of your hands with blasting wind, mildew and hail; yet you did not come back to Me,' declares the LORD.*

2) God's purpose for trouble is to get His people to turn back to Him with all their hearts.

Proverbs 3:11-12 (KJV) *My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.*

Also read Hebrews 12:5-11 which quotes Proverbs 3:11-12 and expounds on the privilege we have in being corrected by God.

3) It is an honor and **privilege** to be disciplined by God.

Haggai 2:18-19 (NASB) *'Do consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month; from the day when the temple of the LORD was founded, consider: 'Is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree, it has not borne fruit. Yet from this day on I will bless you.'*

4) Haggai was issuing a call to **repentance**, and with that call came the **assurance** of God's blessing.

Sin tries to hinder the work of God and rob us of the blessings of God.

Proverbs 14:34 (KJV) *Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*

HAGGAI'S 3RD MESSAGE Keyphrase: God always **delivers** and will never **fail**.

3. Look ahead: God will set everything right

Haggai 2:20-23 (NASB) *Then the word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, "Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah, saying, 'I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.' 'On that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you,'" declares the LORD of hosts.*

Haggai has encouraged the Jewish people to stay on the job and finish God's house. Now he has a special word of encouragement for Zerubbabel the governor, and it was delivered on the same day as the third message, December 18.

For Zerubbabel, God was reversing the judgment and renewing His promise that the Davidic line would not die out but would one day give the world a Savior. That's why we find Zerubbabel named in the genealogies of Jesus Christ ([Matt. 1:12](#); [Luke 3:27](#)).

Practical Summary From Haggai for God's people today.

1. The **work** of God is started, sustained, and secured by the **Word** of God.
2. God's servants must work **together**.
3. When the **out-look** is bad, the **look up** instead.
4. God first is the **guarantee** of God's best.
5. Without Christ we can do **nothing**, with Christ we can do **all** things.