

Series: Haggai

Title: Obedience Precedes Blessing

Text: Haggai 2:10-19

The Devil is in the discouragement Business.

Last Week we were challenged to...

1. Stop looking back; start looking ahead (2:1-9).

We saw God's people are discouraged b/c of their memory.

The Jews were burdened, and their progress was hindered...

Because of what they Remembered: (Vs 3)

The Temple of Solomon was so Ornate, Grand, Glorious compared to the "Shack" they were building on its foundation

Because of what they had Forgotten: (Vs 4-5)

God was with them, Just as He was with Solomon.

God had not left.

Because of the Comparison: (Vs 3)

They had forgotten that what made the Temple great was God

God sends them a message of Encouragement: (Vs 6-9)

God's Gonna shake this World! (Vs 6-7a)

Jesus is Coming soon: (Vs 7b) *desire of nations*

The Latter Glory will be Greater: (Vs 9) *keep your fork!*

1 Month later, begins Zechariah prophecy: (Zech 1:1-6)

The Time Frame: Vs 1

A Message of Warning: (Vs 2-3)

Zechariah issues his first injunction from the Lord: Vs 3

A Call to Repentance: Vs 4

(Vs 5) They were dead and buried on foreign soil.

(Vs 6) A Day of Reckoning is coming: (Rom 14:11-12)

RETURN UNTO THE LORD!

(Is 43:18-19) ***(You can't Fix their Past)***

(Vs 19) God will Do a New thing

**The Choice to change our Today is ours make Today.
The Choice to change our all of our Tomorrows is ours
make Today.**

2. Press forward in obedience: (Haggai 2:10-19)

1st Question: Ceremonial Cleanness cannot be transferred.

The Holy & The Unholy are never to be mingled together.
(2 Cor 6:14-18)

(Vs 13) Haggai asks the priests what is acceptable behavior in prayer & Divine worship.

Ceremonial UNCLEANNES CAN BE transferred.
(1 Cor 15:33)

(Vs 14) These 5 verses sound rather strange to our ears.

Sin is Contagious, But Righteousness is not!

It is good that we have fought some spiritual battles and won. But to say, that's good enough, & expect God to be happy is quite another. (1 Sam 15:22)

Partial Obedience is NOT Obedience

God is calling them to Consider their Situation: (Vs 15)

(Vs 16) calls attention to the reduction of yield in their crops.

(James 4:17)

(Vs 17) God disciplines in order to restore, not to punish.

(Heb 12:5-12) God always Initiates Contact with us when we are in Rebellion.

(Mal 3:6-12)

(Vs 18) Repeated twice: “From this day onward.”

(Vs 19) Eventually, God will pour out His blessings.

Obedience always Precedes Blessings. (Gal 6:9)

Obedience to God is the seed of prosperity: