

Haggai Part 3



Haggai 2: 6-9 (About something bigger, better)

- Haggai opened the eyes of his people to see what would happen as the result of their obedience.
- They would lay their hands to something much greater than their present circumstance. (V9)
- It would be about something bigger than even the temple – God said in this place I will bring peace...and 500 years later Jesus walked into the temple courts.
- We need to see our Kingdom purpose as much larger than our surroundings today.
- Thought: you may find yourself standing in the midst of something that was once good but is now shattered. Haggai's words are for you – trust God, move forward in faith and know something better lies ahead.

Haggai 2:10-17 (Learning from our past mistakes)

- What does meat, bread, stew, oil and dead bodies have to do with Haggai's direction?
- This passage contrasts the difference between becoming holy and becoming unclean.
- Holiness does not rub off – you can't become holy by building a temple, or singing in the choir.
- Holiness is about our heart.
- Messing with sin is something quite different. It does spread and is contagious.
- Haggai reminds his people not to go back to their old ways – because sin brings consequence. V 15-17
- We should never assume our sin has no consequence; it always has consequence, whether shame, guilt or penalty.
- In Haggai's time – their sin saw the withdrawing of God's blessing.
- Question: Should we expect God to bless us when we're disobedient? When we're having sex before marriage, being less than honest, when were greedy or self-centered?
- God cannot and will not bless our sin – we should wonder if our lack of Kingdom Fruitfulness might be due to His lack of blessing.

- “May we learn from Haggai that sin has consequence, that God does not and will not bless disobedience. And that the only way forward is to turn from our “God ignoring” ways and begin to re-build our broken foundations.

Haggai 2:18- 19 (The seed still in the barn and the blessing)

- We have seeds of great potential lying within each of us and God’s desire is to see it released and to bless it.
- How much potential have we lost in this generation because we have tended to our own house first at the cost of tending to our relationship with Jesus.
- Have we expected the fullness of blessing when we’re enamoured with our own houses?
- This is all about determining our First Love. If we have forgotten Jesus’ rightful place God is saying it is time to get back on track, time to build again, time to get to the place God has always meant you to be...in and that place, know you will be blessed.

Haggai 2:20-23 (Zerubbabel is called and so are we)

- Haggai told Zerubbabel that he was going to be involved in something much greater than the building of the temple....something that would shake the heavens and the earth.
- IN the 1 chapter of Matthew vrs 12 – he is listed as part of the lineage of Jesus – the Saviour of the world!
- We too are called to something much larger than our current circumstance. The word says we too are chosen, a part of a Holy Priesthood.
- We need to see forward in faith and believe our mission is about something far greater than us.

Questions:

1. Does every sin have a consequence?
2. Can God bless our disobedience?
3. What potential in you, still lies in the barn?
4. Do you see your mission as larger than you?