

Haggai's admonition

Haggai 1
In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

Specific
Scripture is historically accurate

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Real people with responsibilities
Prophet - representative of God
Governor - political representative
High Priest - spiritual representative

Alive
Scripture is presently applicable to us

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God says to look at this now

Alive
Scripture is presently applicable to us
God says to look at this now
Real people with responsibilities
Literal meaning
Figurative meaning

Haggai 1
saying, "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying:
"This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.""

Collective comment of the people

Reflects what is in their hearts

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Application for us

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Leadership must constantly be certain to obey
What matters most?
Are we accountable?

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Lack of faith, resources, attention not an excuse

Haggai 1

Then the word of the LORD
came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

*"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell
in your paneled houses,
and this temple to lie in ruins?"*

God confronts...

Where are the priorities?

God confronts...

Where are the priorities?

We want God to be first, but is He?

God confronts...

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We want God to be first, but is He?

- Honest assessment without falling into legalism

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- Literal look at God's house

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- Figurative look at God's house

Haggai 1

Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts:

*"Consider your ways!
You have sown much, and bring in little;
You eat, but do not have enough;
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;
And he who earns wages,
Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."*

God confronts...

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

God confronts...

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor

God confronts...

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor
- No easing of hunger or thirst

God confronts...

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor
- No easing of hunger or thirst
- No comfort

God confronts...

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor
- No easing of hunger or thirst
- No comfort
- No return on investment

Haggai 1

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Consider your ways!

*Go up to the mountains and bring wood
and build the temple,
that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,"*

says the LORD.

God instructed...

Just do what I ask

God instructed...

Just do what I ask

- No excuses

God instructed...

Just do what I ask

- No excuses
- No complaining

God instructed...

Just do what I ask

- No excuses
- No complaining
- Do it to please me

Haggai 1

*"You looked for much, but indeed it came to little;
and when you brought it home, I blew it away.*

Why?" says the LORD of hosts.

*"Because of My house that is in ruins,
while every one of you runs to his own house.*

God confronts...

I am not your priority

God confronts...

I am not your priority

- Your actions reveal it

God confronts...

I am not your priority

- Your actions reveal it
- Your attitude reveals it

God confronts...

I am not your priority

- Your actions reveal it
- Your attitude reveals it
- Your lack of reverence reveals it

Haggai 1

*Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew,
and the earth withholds its fruit.*

*For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains,
on the grain and the new wine and the oil,*

*on whatever the ground brings forth,
on men and livestock,*

and on all the labor of your hands."

God reveals...

So this is the fruit of your labor...

You are reaping what you have sown

Haggai 1

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,
with all the remnant of the people,
obeyed the voice of the LORD their God,
and the words of Haggai the prophet,
as the LORD their God had sent him;
and the people feared the presence of the LORD.

God's results...

Both leadership and the people are ready to obey

God is "feared" once more

Haggai 1

Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger,
spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying,

"I am with you, says the LORD."

God assures...

Emmanuel - our God is with us

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Emmanuel - our God is with us

I will never leave you or forsake you

God assures...

Emmanuel - our God is with us

I will never leave you or forsake you

But I am a jealous God and I come first.

Haggai 1

So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

God equips...

He gave them direction

God equips...

He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

God equips...

He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

He gave them resources

God equips...

He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

He gave them resources

He gave them strength

God equips...

He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

He gave them resources

He gave them strength

And He did it all in 23 days...

God is asking something of us...

He is willing to give direction

God is asking something of us...

He is willing to give direction

He is willing to give enthusiasm and zeal

God is asking something of us...

He is willing to give direction

He is willing to give enthusiasm and zeal

He is willing to give resources

God is asking something of us...

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He is willing to give resources
He is willing to give strength

God is asking something of us...

He is willing to give direction
He is willing to give enthusiasm and zeal
He is willing to give resources
He is willing to give strength
And He can do it as quickly as He wants to...

God is asking something of you...

He is willing to give direction
He is willing to give enthusiasm and zeal
He is willing to give resources
He is willing to give strength
And He can do it as quickly as He wants to...

Ask God to...

Confront ... then repent

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Confront ... then repent
Instruct ... then obey

Ask God to...

Confront ... then repent
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Equip ... then do in His power and anointing

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