



Empowering People to Change the World

Haggai:
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Part 3

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I am growing to love Jesus with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength

I am growing to love people the way Jesus loves them

I am building up my faith with God's Holy Word

I am coming alive in the power of the Holy Spirit

With Jesus, all things are possible

Haggai 1:14-15

- The Presence and Power of the Lord!
- These leaders are men of action! They are being awakened to their leadership call.

Stirred up—to rouse; awaken, stir up, excite, raise up. To arouse to action, to open one's eyes. Seventy-five times in the OT. Used as an Eagle stirring up it's nest (Deut. 32:11), or a musical instrument being warmed up before playing.

- I want each of you to be stirred up by the Holy Spirit.
- We need be re-fired, re-baptized and re-empowered with the Spirit.
- We need to be re-fired and freshly excited about the Word of God.
- Cry out and ask for more, more, more!

Haggai 2:1-4

- There are older Jews in the group that are comparing this present, smaller Temple of Zerubbabel, to the great splendor of Solomon's Temple. They remember what it looked like.

- One of the great responsibilities of a leader, even a prophet, is to define reality, not deny it! Haggai names it. Remember Haggai is the “Shoe Leather Prophet?”

The Older Jews Were Complaining That This Temple Wasn’t as Beautiful as Solomon’s Temple.

- Our tendency, as we get older, is to think more about the “good ole days” than the work God is doing in our “present moment.”
- As we grow older, we are constantly comparing the work of God in the present, with what we remember about the past.
 - Have you noticed that we tend to embellish and over-imagine the past glories and under-value the present?
 - The reason is that it takes no work to remember the past, but it takes a lot of work to reimagine the future.
 - “When your memories of the past are greater than your vision for the future, you are dying.”

The Best is Yet to Come!! We are Living in the Most Exciting Time in Church History!

- Here’s a word to all of you; to the Leadership at The Road: Be strong and get to work!! God is with us!

Vs. 5

- Haggai gets it—the big struggle for the Jews is fear! They fear the future; they fear this new vision; they fear what’s going to happen.

A Pandemic of Fear Can Only be Conquered by the Power of Faith.

- Same with all of us today. We have had a virus pandemic for sure, but the greater pandemic is fear!!

- The rising World Power and World Dictator, will use fear to intimidate and bring a spiritual paralysis upon the earth.
- You know what we need? In a pandemic of fear, we desperately need a pandemic of courage!! God is with us!
- “My Spirit remains among you! Don’t fear.”
- We hold in our hands the Word of God and we have in our hearts the Spirit of God! What more does anyone need?

Vs. 6-7

- This is a prophetic word to Israel, that God is going to shake the heavens and earth, to bring the Messiah to Israel and birth a new movement through the Church.

God Will Shake the Nations So That the Nations Will Come to the Desire of the Nations!

Acts 2:16-21

- This is also prophetic for the Second Coming of Christ.
 - Matthew 24:4-14, Harvest will come through the proclamation and demonstration of the Kingdom of God.
 - Look at verses 29-30. Shaking the heavens!
- Never has the world been so shaken! The whole world is being impacted. Harvest, harvest, harvest!

William Booth, the founder of Salvation Army, speaking of our generation once said, “I consider that the chief dangers which confront the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God and heaven without hell.”

- Note: “I will fill this temple with glory!”
- The Holy Spirit is the Senior Pastor of this church! He was sent to lead, guide and empower the Church.
- The Holy Spirit is the Senior Partner of your life! He was sent to lead, guide and empower YOU!

Vs. 8-9

Jesus is the Latter Temple!

The latter Temple of God—the Messiah, the local Church, all of us, will be much greater than Solomon’s Temple!

- God is going to take care of the gold and silver! It takes money to build a great church. It takes money to reach people for Christ. God’s got it.
 - What about each of you? Does God have His protection over your finances?
 - Are you tithing? Look at Malachi 3.

Vs. 10-14

There is No Magical Formula for Holiness.

- His point is that you can’t transfer holiness to something. There have been years of neglect. Just a few months of work isn’t going to undo all the years of neglect.
- Haggai is saying that there is no magical formula for holiness. We still have to work out our salvation, we still have to work it all out and embrace the Word and get filled with the Holy Spirit.

Vs. 15-19

Learn from the Past.

Grow up before you grow old.

- Again, Haggai says that “just saying” that you’ve changed doesn’t mean you have. We must make a clear stand, take a stand, repent and change!
- God is calling all of us to be a part of the solution in our society. Build the Kingdom of God on earth! Get to work, let’s do it!

Plant Seeds for a Promised Harvest.

- Proof of Transformation: Get the seed out of the barn! Plant the seed!
 - You will not have a harvest in your life if you don’t plant the seeds.
 - If you will plant the seeds and God will bless you!

Vs. 20-23

In These Last Days, God is Shaking the Nations.

Hebrews 12:27-28

2 Thess. 2:1-9

- “Don’t be shaken or troubled” ...are you kidding me? What? Paul is saying you don’t have to be shaken, because you have the unshakeable Kingdom! We have a kingdom that cannot be shaken.
- But here’s what he says that we can learn from.

The Shakable Kingdom in the Last Days.

- Signs of those days:

1. Don't be surprise or shaken that people are falling away from Christ.
2. The Man of Sin (some say Man of Lawlessness) will be revealed.
3. There is a Mystery of Lawlessness at work.
4. There is a Restrainer: Political and Spiritual.

Vs. 10-11

Love the Truth!! Unrighteous Deception Will Deceive You Unless You Love the truth.