



Haggai – Consider Your Ways

GETTING STARTED

For most of us the Minor Prophets are some of the small, weird books in our Bible that we mostly skim over and forget. But as we look into the book of Haggai, we find that he speaks quite directly to some of the same obstacles to our faith that we face.

Things like comfort, security, or wealth can easily become stumbling blocks for us in our faith. What is so encouraging about the book of Haggai is that while most of the time prophets would be ignored, the people of Judah listened to Haggai and were blessed by God. Let us learn from their example and seek after God first in our lives, repenting of our sin and follow through in obedience.

READ THE TEXT: Haggai 1:12-15

12 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 Lord. 13 Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, "I am with you, declares the Lord." 14 And 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, 15 on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.



UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. When does the book of Haggai take place? How does the historical background inform what is going on with the Temple and what God is calling them to do?
2. What were the major reasons why the Temple stopped being built? Why is rebuilding the Temple so important?

APPLY THE TEXT

3. Comfort, wealth, security. Which one of these do you think gets in your way from following God most? How can you overcome it?
4. How have you seen a disregard for God's commands lead to a lack of flourishing in your life?
5. How does the truth that God is with you encourage you to Christian faithfulness?

SHARE & PRAY

1. What is one way that you are seeking to share the good news of Jesus this week? How can your life group help and support you in that?
2. In light of Haggai, pray that our repentance would be genuine, that our actions would be obedient to God, and that our hearts would be always united to Him.

