

INTRODUCTION

- * Ezra chapters 1-6 contain important background for the Book of Haggai. In particular, Ezra 1:1-5, 3:8-4:5 and 4:24-5:2.
- * We just completed a 10-week study of the Book of Zechariah as we near the finish line of our 7+ year journey through the entirety of God's Word.
- * Haggai and Zechariah were contemporaries that ministered to the same group of people at the same time.
- * Timing: 2nd year of Darius, King of Persia (520 BC). Audience: Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Speaker: YHWH Sabaoth through Haggai the prophet (YHWH Sabaoth = LORD of hosts or LORD of the armies, a title used nearly 300 times in the O.T., including 9 times in the Book of Haggai.)

INSTRUCTION

I. Haggai's 1st Message: Get Your Priorities in Order (Haggai 1)

Put k_____ w_____ first. (Matt. 6:33)

C_____ your ways! (Prov. 3:9-10)

OBEDIENCE is always the right response when God d_____ or r_____ us.

II. Haggai's 2nd Message: Persevering through Opposition (Haggai 2:1-9)

Don't let a_____ d_____ you.

Don't play the c_____ g_____.

Be s_____ and c_____. (Deut. 31:7-8, 23; 1 Chron. 22:11-13)

Rely on God's p_____.

III. Haggai's 3rd Message: The Issue of Sin (Haggai 2:10-19)

You cannot t_____ h_____ to another person.

You can d_____ others through your s_____.

God cannot b_____ us to the extent He desires if we allow sin to keep a f_____ in our lives.

You can always t_____ God with your f_____.

Put God's interests first, and He'll take care of the rest!

IV. Haggai's 4th Message: The Power of Encouragement (Haggai 2:20-23)

God's promise to David proves that His promises are always certain and secure.

INTROSPECTION

- * Are God's priorities your priorities? What adjustments might He be asking you to make?
- * Where are you letting appearances deceive you? Are you falling into Satan's trap of playing the comparison game?
- * How effectively are you using the resources God has blessed you with? Is sin somehow interfering with that?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think... and therefore act?