

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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?