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The Book Of Haggai
“Consider Your Ways”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

One thing Haggai makes very clear is the divine origin of his message, he declares this no less than 25 times in two short chapters. He was fully aware that he was God’s messenger.

One author has rightly said, “Build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored”-frames the theme of the book. The imperative is, build God’s house!

Haggai’s message was; this has happened to you because you have not been faithful to build the house of God. Repent and take hold of the promises of God to His people. Be faithful to do the task before them, obey the Lord!

Haggai’s criticism was focused on the people having put their personal wealth and comfort before the Lord. In **chapter 2:11-14** Haggai asserted that sin was more contagious than righteousness. In this context he was addressing the priests and the people of his time but also all of humanity.

Haggai’s message to the people was, think about what you are actually doing! Your priorities are in the wrong place, and what is more, you are suffering most horribly for this sinful behavior.

There was the problem, now, in verse 8 the prophet begins giving the solution to the problem. Go up into the mountains, cut some timbers, get busy! Start anew today!

The people respond positively. The people OBEYED and FEARED the Lord. In **verse 13** these oppressed, depressed people, got the words, “I am with you.” That is enough to carry anyone through any situation.

A second promise comes forth, God will grant them peace! Christ is the Prince of Peace, see **Isaiah 9:6**.

When your attitude is wrong, nothing given to God is acceptable. What little they did give was not acceptable because of the attitude of the heart. God desires our sincere worship. Seek His kingdom first. God wants your heart, not what you may bring in your hand.

At the end of this message comes a huge promise, “I will bless you.” These verses point to a day in the distant future. This promise to Zerubbabel is to be understood messianically.

Application:

As you consider the book of Haggai, consider your ways. As you do a search of your ways, should you discover an impure way within you, repent, turn away from it, forsake your sinful behavior. Take hold of the promises of God that He has given you and go forward doing all things for the glory of God. Do not let yourself become a glory stealer.