

We often look on the outward activity: “Lord, look at all that I’m doing for You!” But God looks on the heart. Do we do what we do from hearts made clean through faith in Christ? Do we abstain from evil when no one else is looking, except God? It’s not enough to build His temple; we must build from hearts that please Him who knows our every thought. Motives are important to God. Our private thought life matters to Him. Do we truly seek Him every day, or is our Christianity just a mask to cover the corruption of our hearts? Do we take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5)? If not, we’re only practicing our righteousness before men (Matt. 6:1), but God sees right through us. The godly 19th century Scottish pastor, Robert Murray McCheyne, said, “According to your holiness, so shall be your success. A holy man is an awesome weapon in the hands of God.”

TAKEAWAY

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the meaning of the comparison in verses 12-13?
2. Why could uncleanness be spread by touch, but not holiness?
3. What was God saying about the people?
4. What is the connection between verses 15-18 and what we saw in the last chapter?
5. How would things be different now that they were dedicated to putting the Lord first?
6. What does this passage teach us about God’s sovereignty?

ANSWERS: 1. rebuilt, far; 2. not changed; 3. grace

SERMON SERIES: HAGGAI



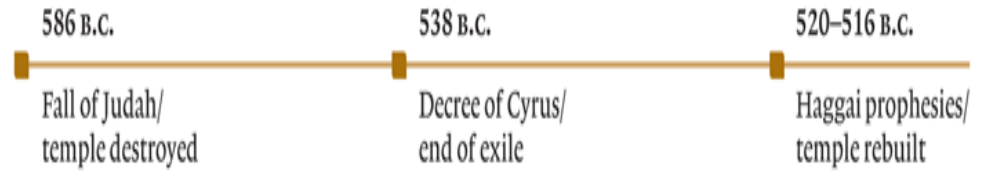
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WEEK 5– Haggai 2:10-19

Outline

- WEEK 1 Introduction: A Promise Fulfilled (Haggai 1:1)
- WEEK 2 Build My Temple (Haggai 1:1-11)
- WEEK 3 God’s People Build The Temple (Haggai 1:12-15)
- WEEK 4 God Will Glorify His Temple (Haggai 2:1-9)
- WEEK 5 God Calls His People To Holiness (Haggai 2:10-19)**
- WEEK 6 God Will Glorify His Kingdom (Haggai 2:20-23)



The Prophecy of Haggai by time period:

SCRIPTURE	JEWISH CALENDAR	GREGORIAN CALENDAR
Haggai 1:1	2 nd year of Darius the king, in the 6 th month, on the 1 st day	August 520 B.C.
Haggai 2:1	7 th month, on the 21 st day	October 520 B.C.
Haggai 2:10	24 th day of the 9 th month, in the 2 nd year of Darius	December 520 B.C.
Haggai 2:20	24 th day of the 9 th month	December 520 B.C.

Sermon Notes

Author and Date

The book of Haggai contains messages delivered by the prophet Haggai, and thus it is reasonable to consider Haggai its author. Nothing is known of his genealogy. The specific mention of the “second year of Darius” (**Haggai 1:1**) places the book in the year 520 B.C.

Historical Background

Haggai ministered among the Jews who had returned to Judea after some 70 years of exile in Babylon. The Persian ruler Cyrus the Great captured Babylon in 539 B.C. In 538 he permitted the Jews to return to Jerusalem so that they might rebuild the temple (**Ezra 1–2**). The work of rebuilding stalled, however, when opposition arose (**Ezra 3–4**). Haggai prophesied in an effort to motivate the people to renew their work of temple restoration (**Ezra 5–6**).

Theme

The work of temple restoration highlights the Lord’s desire to renew a covenant relationship with his people (**Haggai 1:13; 2:4–5**).

Seek first

the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

MATTHEW 6:33

1. Although they had returned to Israel, performed the ritual and _____ the temple, their hearts were _____ from God.
2. They wondered why God had not blessed them. He had judged them because their hearts were _____.
3. “Consider” - God would bless them now because they had obeyed. He would bless because of His _____.