

“Lesson through Haggai”

The call to consider your priorities before the Lord.

Context: A remnant has returned from the recently collapsed Babylonian empire by order of King Cyrus the Persian to rebuild the temple. .

I. God addresses a belief His people had adopted that displeased Him:

Haggai 1:2 — *"Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'This people says, "The time has not come, even the time for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt." ' "*

A. What is the main point of this verse?

1. Why might the people be thinking this?

B. Where were they placing their priorities?

Haggai 1:3–4 — *"³ Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, ⁴ "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?" "*

C. How does God call them to evaluate their life?

Haggai 1:5 — *"Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways!"*

Haggai 1:7 — *"Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways!"*

D. How can a miss prioritized life result in scarcity of blessings from God? (Hagg 1:6)

Haggai 1:6 — *"You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes." "*

1. According to **Exodus 25:8**, why was the temple a priority to God?
2. Who else the Bible got their priorities wrong?
3. In what areas do Christians today get their priorities turned around?

E. What was God's remedy for their lack of blessings?

Haggai 1:8 — *"⁸ "Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified," says the Lord."*

II. What was God's promise concerning an immediate return to right priorities?

Haggai 2:18–19 — *"¹⁸ 'Do consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month; from the day when the temple of the LORD was founded, consider: ¹⁹ 'Is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree, it has not borne fruit. Yet **from this day on I will bless you.**' "*

III. What are the Biblical priorities of one who claims to follow Christ?

1. **Matthew 22:36–39** —
2. **James 1:27** —
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