

I will bless you

Haggai 1

¹⁸ Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider: ¹⁹ Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on **I will bless you.**”

Haggai 2:18-19

3 person/people were mentioned in the Book of Haggai

1. Zerubbabel, governor of Judah
2. Joshua, the high priest
3. “the people”

Through Haggai, God

1. Desired to open the eyes of the people
2. Encouraged them to repent and obey
3. And promised that blessings would result

In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest:

² This is what the LORD Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.’”

Haggai 1:1-2

³ Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

Haggai 1:3-6

When God's people focus more on their own net worth more than His worth, there are consequences

Fruitless
Frustration
Futility

9 “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the LORD Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. 10 Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. 11 I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”

Haggai 1:9-10

1. Consider your ways

Haggai 1:7

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.

Isaiah 55:8-9 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

⁸ Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Haggai 1:8

2. Check your Priorities

Haggai 1:8

⁸ Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Deuteronomy 28:38-45 New International Version (NIV)

³⁸ You will sow much seed in the field but you will harvest little, because locusts will devour it.³⁹ You will plant vineyards and cultivate them but you will not drink the wine or gather the grapes

⁴⁵ All these curses will come on you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the LORD your God and observe the commands and decrees he gave you.

*When God comes first, His glory
become first in His people's minds,
and their efforts prosper*

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“Consider your ways! ⁸ Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified,” (Haggai 1:8)

3. Change your focus

Haggai 1:8

⁸ Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Focus – A life that pleases, honors
and glorifies your father in heaven.

Hebrews 11:5-6

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

2 Cor 5:9

⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Have you ever loss your blessings or feel that you are losing your blessings?

1. Consider your way
2. Check your priorities
3. Change your focus

¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: **"I am with you,"** declares the LORD. ¹⁴ So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.

Haggai 1:13-15

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.*