

Building the Lord's House #2

Heed the Kingdom's Call

Haggai 1:12-15 7/08/2018

Review

- Post-Exilic Period. 50,000 Jews return to Jerusalem to rebuild Temple
- By God's hand, Cyrus gives permission & provision for this project
- Early success clears rubble, builds altar, resumes sacrifice, lays foundation
- Opposition leads to 15 years of passivity, neglect, & serving self not God
- God sends His Word through the prophet Haggai
 - Is it time for paneled houses or higher purpose.
 - Consider your ways and Consider my ways

God calls us from passive obsession w/ self to purposeful obedience to Him

- Hearing the Kingdom's Call is not enough. We must HEED the Call.
- Today, we will learn the steps of obedience from Haggai 1:12-15

A Preliminary Condition of Obedience: (v.12a)

¹² Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, & Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him.

They **ALL** Recognized the Lord's voice through Haggai & obeyed

- Understanding the parameters for the Lord's prompting
 - The Received Revelation of God's Word
 - Special Revelation only complements & never contradicts
 - The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth
 - Conviction not Condemnation
 - Absorption into personal amusement limits our listening
 - Embrace in more time in prayer and His Word

Step 1 of Obedience: (v.12b)

And the people showed reverence for the Lord.

Be Reverent in Response to the Lord's Prompt

- Reverence recognizes God's identity and our own
- Reverence includes repentance and submission
- Reverence is our spiritual act of worship

Therefore, I urge you, brethren, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship
Romans 12:1

Step 2 of Obedience: (v. 13)

¹³ Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke by the commission of the Lord to the people saying, "I am with you," declares the Lord."

Be Reassured as you Recognize the Lord's Presence

- Expect God's Presence and Connect with Him for obedience

Step 3 of Obedience: (v. 14a)

¹⁴ So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people;

Be Roused as you Receive the Lord's Power

- The Power for Obedience does not originate with you
- Disciples waiting at Pentecost (Acts 2)

Step 4 of Obedience: (v. 14b-15)

...and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king.

Be Resolved as you Return to the Lord's Purpose

- As the Lord has empowered, Step forward in faithful obedience
 - They came & they worked to fulfill God's purpose
 - The opposition had not changed, only their recognition
 - The occasion of their obedience was remembered