



## SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

### I. WORKING HARD AND FEARLESS TOWARD GLORY (HAGGAI 2:1-9)

- A. When the fervor fades (**Haggai 2:1-3**)
  - 1. The people were briefly passionate for the work (**Haggai 2:1-2; 1:12-15**)
  - 2. But the work quickly became daunting (**Haggai 2:3; 1:4**)
- B. A word from the Lord reassures and redirects (**Haggai 2:4-5**)
  - 1. God commands strength, so that the work will continue (**Haggai 2:4**)
  - 2. God is the source of strength who enables our work (**Haggai 2:4; Ephesians 6:10; Exodus 3:12; Joshua 1:5; 1 Chronicles 28:20; Matthew 28:18-20**)
  - 3. We trust that God will work in and through our work (**Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Corinthians 15:58**)
  - 4. We are reassured by God's covenant and abiding Spirit (**Haggai 2:6; Exodus 33:10; Zechariah 4:6; Ephesians 3:16**)
- C. A vision of a glorious future (**Haggai 2:6-9**)
  - 1. God will supply what's needed (**Haggai 2:6-8**)
  - 2. We should not despise the day of small things (**Haggai 2:9; Zechariah 4:10a**)
  - 3. Jesus is the latter glory and greater temple (**John 2:19-21; John 1:14; Matthew 12:6**)
  - 4. We have a vision of a glorious future (**Ephesians 2:22; 1:13; Revelation 21:1-3, 22-26**)

### II. RESTORING A DEFILED PEOPLE AND KINGDOM (HAGGAI 2:10-23)

- A. Defilement is more contagious than holiness (**Haggai 2:10-14**)
  - 1. Holiness cannot be transmitted to the third degree (**Haggai 2:10-12**)
  - 2. Defilement can be transmitted to the third degree and beyond (**Haggai 2:13-14**)
- B. From this day onward, things will be different (**Haggai 2:15-19**)
  - 1. What once was defiled is now clean, the people will be blessed (**Haggai 2:18-19**)
  - 2. Our "foundation day" is Christ crucified and risen and received by faith (**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**)
- C. The coming Kingdom of God will overthrow worldly kingdoms (**Haggai 2:20-23**)
  - 1. Israel's kingdom and King will be restored (**Haggai 2:23; Jeremiah 23:5-6; 1 Kings 11:34; Matthew 1:12**)
  - 2. The coming of Jesus wasn't what many expected (**Acts 1:6-8; Mark 1:15; John 18:36**)
  - 3. We are receiving an unshakable Kingdom (**Hebrews 12:26-29**)

### III. SMALL THINGS, ORDINARILY DONE, OVER THE LONG HAUL (1 CORINTHIANS 3:8-15)

## HAGGAI 2:1-8

*In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, 3 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, 5 according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. 6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. 7 And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. 9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.'"*

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

### KIDS+STUDENTS

1. Why did the passion to rebuild the temple go away? What does God do for the people to help them go back to working on the temple?
2. In what ways can you relate to remnant who lost their passion and became discouraged? How did you handle your situation?

### STUDENTS

3. How is the promise God makes to be with His people a source of encouragement and reassurance? How can that promise renew our passion to work for the Lord?

### KIDS

4. What is meant by the phrase "Do not despise the day of small things"? How can we sometimes discount small things that are important to God?
5. How does the promise of Haggai 2:20-23 relate to the mistaken expectations of the coming Messiah? How are the powers of this world and its many kingdoms overthrown today?
6. What are small things you can commit to do, for the Kingdom of God?