



SERMON NOTES

The Haggai Effect

Grand Opening

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Haggai 1:1-9 (NLT) On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. 2 "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: The people are saying, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.'" 3 Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? 5 This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! 6 You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! 7 "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! 8 Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. 9 You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses.

Haggai 1:14 (NLT) So the LORD sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God's people. They began rebuilding the house of their God, the LORD of Heaven's Armies,

THE PERIOD — 8/29/520bc Darius was king. He decreed that the Jews had a right to rebuild their temple. And ordered his officials to fund the project.

THE PROPHET — His name Haggai means "festive."

THE PROBLEM — for 16 years the work of rebuilding the temple had been delayed. Haggai 1:2 "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: The people are saying, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.'" The people used this phrase as an excuse "The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD."

THE PROTEST — After 70 years of captivity God's people finally return home they got busy rebuilding their lives and ignored rebuilding God's House.

THE PROMISE —

Haggai 1:14 (NLT) So the LORD sparked the enthusiasm...of the whole remnant of God's people. They began rebuilding the house of their God, the LORD of Heaven's Armies,

You sow much but harvest little. Luke 6:38 (NKJV) Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

You eat but are never satisfied. Deuteronomy 8:10 (NKJV) When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

You drink but you're still thirsty. "Suck honey from a rock" (Deut. 32:13). "Born to taste the grapes" (Deut. 32:14).

You clothe yourself but can't keep warm. Matthew 6:31-33 (NKJV) Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Disappearing wages. Your money bags have holes in them. Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV) And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.