

putting **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

TEACHING SERIES ON PRIORITIES FROM HAGGAI



Matthew 6. NIV

•²⁵ *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will **eat** or **drink**; or about your body, **what you will wear**. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?*

Matthew 6. NIV

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

- ***33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.***

Haggai 1:1-7 NIV

- ¹ *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 1:1-7 NIV

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?*”

Haggai 1:1-7 NIV

- 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.”*
- ⁷ *This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.*

- Captive 606 BC. Nebuchadnezzar
- Free 536 BC. King Cyrus the Great.
- After 70 Years allow the Jews to return to their homeland
- 522 BC. King Darius takes power.
- Message 520.BC. Haggai
- How many years have passed?



•What was their priority? V.4

- ⁴ *“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”*

• What was God's Message to them because of how they were doing these things? V.2-4

- ² *This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord's house.'"*
- 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?"*

•What was His first Warning? V.5.

- ⁵ *Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.*

- **"How were their lives affected by having their priorities in the wrong place?"**

- *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."*

• What was His second Warning? V.7.

- ⁷ This is what the Lord Almighty says: ***“Give careful thought to your ways.”***

- **Stop making excuses. V.2**
- **Stop being selfish. V.3-4**
- **Think about your priorities V. 5**
- **Stop missing on God's Blessings. V. 6**
- **Think about your results in life V. 7**