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TEACHING SERIES ON PRIORITIES FROM HAGGAI

**Part 5.**



- Matt. 6:25

- ***“seek first His kingdom and his righteousness***

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## First Message. : Haggai 1 - A message of conviction....

- *<sup>6</sup> 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.”*
- As per 1:5, 7
- <sup>5</sup> ...: “Give careful thought to your ways. ...*

# 1.First Message. : Haggai 1 - A message of conviction....

- Why were they not being blessed?
- <sup>2</sup> .... ***“These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”***
- <sup>3</sup> *Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai:*
- <sup>4</sup> *“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” .....*
- God was not a priority

## Second Message: 2:1-9. “A message of encouragement”

- **V.1-3 Words of discouragement.**

- God’s Encouragement.

- **4 But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work.**

- ***For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty. 5 ‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’***



## Third Message. 2: V. 10-19. “A Message of Grace”.

- <sup>11</sup> *“This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Ask the priests what the law says”:*

- First question:

- <sup>12</sup> *If someone carries consecrated meat in the fold of their garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, olive oil or other food, does it become consecrated?”*

*The priests answered, “No.”*

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*<sup>11</sup> “This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Ask the priests what the law says”:*

- *Second question*

*<sup>13</sup> Then Haggai said, “If a person defiled by contact with a dead body touches one of these things, does it become defiled?”*

*“Yes,” the priests replied, “it becomes defiled.”*

### Third Message. 2: V. 10-19. “A Message of Grace”.

- *14 Then Haggai said, “So it is with this people and this nation in my sight,’ declares the Lord. ‘Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is defiled. 15 “Now give careful thought to this from this day on*
- *16 When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. 17 I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not return to me,’ declares the Lord.*



## Third Message. 2: V. 10-19. “A Message of Grace”.

- <sup>18</sup> *‘From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the Lord’s temple was laid. Give careful thought:<sup>1</sup>*
- <sup>9</sup> *Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit.*
- “From this day on I will bless you.”

## Fourth Message. V.20-23. “A Message of Reaffirmation”.

- Zerubbabel the Lord’s Signet Ring

- *<sup>20</sup> The word of the Lord came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month:*

- *<sup>21</sup> “Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. <sup>22</sup> I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariot and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.*

## Fourth Message. V.20-23. “A Message of Reaffirmation”.

- Zerubbabel the Lord’s Signet Ring

- <sup>23</sup> *“‘On that day,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”*

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