

# HAGGAI

– Every Word: summer series in the small books –

## “See For Yourself”

August 16, 2020

**Scripture: Haggai 2:10-19**

**“Every Word” Series**

See For Yourself:

*God's judgment is never EARLY and his blessings are never LATE.*

Key Verse: Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you.” Hag. 2:19

### Outline of Haggai 1

2:10-14 Look Around.

2:15-17 Look Back.

2:18-19 Look Forward.

#### **1. Look around.**

- a. Impurity, unholiness is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- b. “Rather than the holy task of building the temple rubbing holiness off on their unholy selves, their unholiness is rubbing off even on their holy work on the temple... \_\_\_\_\_ makes clean things \_\_\_\_\_, not the other way around.”

## 2. Look Back.

- a. Haggai 1:6, "Consider your ways. You have sown \_\_\_\_\_, and harvested \_\_\_\_\_. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes."
  
- b. Deut. 28:15-16
  - i. Blight:
  
  - ii. Mildew:
  
  - iii. Hail:
  
- c. Haggai 1:13

## 3. Look Forward.

- a. Verse 19 Translated:  
"DUDE! The \_\_\_\_\_ is still in the ground!  
\_\_\_\_\_ is still coming."

## Getting Started:

**Read Haggai 1:1-15.** Summarize Haggai's first message.  
(Delivered August 29, 520 BC)

**Read Haggai 2:1-9.** Summarize Haggai's second message.  
(October 17, 520 BC)

**Read Haggai 2:10-19.** Summarize Haggai's third message.  
(December 18, 520 BC)

**Read Haggai 2:20-23.** Summarize Haggai's fourth message.  
(Also December 18, 520 BC)

What consistent themes do you see in each message, over these four messages, given over four months?

What do they show you about God?

## Digging Deeper:

**Read Haggai 2:10-14.**

Put these rhetorical questions in your own words. What does it mean to say unholiness is the default or "contagious position?"

How does ongoing sin in the lives of believers impact our disciple-making work, which is our most important mission in life?

**Read Haggai 2:15-17.**

What is the value of looking back?

*(If you have time, visit Deuteronomy 28 to recall the Lord's promises and warnings.)*

Consider your own life, where you were five or ten years ago compared to now (especially where you were spiritually). What is different? Where do you see God has worked on you?

What kinds of problems tend to arise when you are living in disobedience? What does God use to get your attention?

### **Haggai 2:18-19.**

What is encouraging about the reminder in verse 19.

How do we get impatient with God's promises?

What does the Bible say about God's timing?

### **Getting Real:**

What has discouraged you from your primary work, making disciples? What early failures or rejections have kept you from trying again?

Is there anyone in your life who you might have given up on prematurely, while the "seed was still in the ground" per se?

*Bonus: Parents, surely your kids will also face rejection or discouragement as they try to obey Jesus by making disciples. What has your perseverance (or lack thereof) taught them about following Christ's instructions, and trusting the promises of Acts 1:8 and 2 Tim. 1:6-14?*

### **Pray Together:**

*Lord of all Creation, Your timing is perfect. Your correction of us is always right on time, as are your abundant blessings. Father, teach us to trust you, and to obey your commands whether we can physically see the fruit they produce or not. Give us boldness to keep sharing you with those around us, no matter the obstacles we encounter. We surrender the results of those efforts to your will. In Jesus name, Amen.*