

TODAY'S LESSON

“CONSIDER YOUR WAYS”

(Ezra 6:14,15)

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Haggai 1:4-6

4 “‘Is it **time** for **you yourselves** to dwell in **your paneled houses**, and **this house** *is* in ruins?’” 5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of armies: “Consider **your ways**!

6 “You **have sown much**, and **bring in little**;
You **eat**, but do not have **enough**;
You **drink**, but you are **not filled** with drink;
You **clothe yourselves**, but **no one** is **warm**;
And he who **earns wages**,
Earns wages *to put into* a **bag with holes**.”

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Consider how your ways reveal your priority

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God's response: "*Consider your ways!*" v.7-11

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Haggai 1:7-11

7 “Thus says the LORD of armies: ‘Consider your ways! **8** Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,’ says the LORD **9** ‘*You* looked for much, but it was actually little; and when you brought it to the house, I blew it away. Why?’ says the LORD of armies.

Haggai 1:7-11

9b ““Because of My house that *is* ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. 10

Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the land withholds its fruit. 11

For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of *your* hands.””

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Haggai 1:12-14

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD. **13** Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people by saying, "I am with you, says the LORD." **14** This is how the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of armies, their God. 6/24/520B.C.

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Heard → Feared → Obeyed → God Blessed
them

We are to glorify God v.8; Ephesians 4:11-16

Consider our ways daily v.3,7; Matthew 6:11-10 2
Corinthians 13:5; 3:18; Hebrews 12:3; Jm 4:17

Be doers of the word, not just hearers Jm 1:22

Why The Jews Must Build The Temple

Haggai 2:1-23

Overcoming pessimism 2:1-5

Haggai 2:2-5

² “Speak **now** to **Zerubbabel** the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to **Joshua** the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the **remnant of the people**, saying: ³ ‘Who is left among you **who saw this temple in its former glory**? And **how do you see it now**? In comparison with it, *is this* **not in your eyes as nothing**? ⁴ **Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel**,’ says the LORD ; ‘and **be strong, Joshua**, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and **be strong, all you people of the land**,’ says the LORD, ‘and **work**; for **I am with you**,’ says the LORD of armies. ⁵ ‘According to **the word** that **I covenanted with you** when you came out of Egypt, so **My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!**’”

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6 “For thus **says the LORD of armies: ‘Once more** (it is a **little while**) **I will shake heaven and earth,** the **sea and dry land;** **7** and **I will shake all nations,** and **they shall come to the Desire of All Nations,** and **I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of armies.** **8** ‘The silver is **Mine,** and the gold is **Mine,’ gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of armies.** **9** ‘The **glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of armies. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of armies.”**

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God may reward obedience quickly v.10-19 or
after patient endurance Galatians 6:9

The sign of Zurubbabel → Jesus Christ Zech. 4

Matt. 1:1,12; 16:18

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