

Haggai 1:4-11

Setting about God's work

“Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in paneled houses while this house lies desolate? Now therefore, thus says the Lord, “Consider your ways! You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to be put in a purse with holes.” Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Consider your ways! Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple that I may be pleased with it and be glorified,” says the Lord. “You look for much, but behold it comes to little; and when you bring it home, I blow it away. Why? declares the Lord of hosts, “Because of My house which lies desolate, while each of you runs to his own house. Therefore, because of you the sky has withheld its dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. And I called for a drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on what the ground produces, on men, on cattle, and on all the labor of your hands.” -God

As more and more chastisement from God comes upon our economy these verses will become clearer and clearer. God desires for us to turn back and once again do the things that please Him. He has promised so many wonderful blessings for obedience and yet we are always taking the path that leads to punishment. You would think that we would learn but it seems that rebellion takes a firm hold in peoples hearts once it has set in.

In these verses God is specifically addressing all those who are called by His name. He tells us to turn from being caught up with our own lives and self-fulfillment and to remember that his house has been neglected and is fallen into disrepair due to lack of concern over it. And what does this mean for us? It is the battle cry that should stir our hearts to action. It is the call to leave what we are doing and to enter into the service of our King. There is much work to be done in His house and none of it must be neglected. We need to turn the gaze of everyone around us back to the One who was lifted up for their salvation so that many might enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. It is our greatest joy to please the heart of our Heavenly Father!

The world sees how we live and is either convicted by it because of our commitment to the Lord or they are convinced that how they live is just fine because they see no difference between our lifestyle and theirs because of our lukewarmness towards the things of God. If we spend our days accumulating all the same things and desiring all the same things as they do, how will they know that there is something far better than all this?

We have been called to live for Christ and to take our places in His service so that we might bear fruit and draw many into salvation and eternal life, Hallelujah! So if you are feeling the reality of your life going in circles never changing but continually seeking things that evaporate before your eyes then these words are for you. It is time to leave off what we are doing and to take up the fruitful work that will not perish or be taken from us which is the work for Him and His house, and He in turn will take care of our needs according to His riches and glory! Praise the Lord!

God bless you all!

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