

Haggai Lesson 6

Review

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Why we must heed prophecy

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his

prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

Luke 20:1-19

C.f. Heb 12:25

- rejection of God's message /messengers
- the Israelites rejected God by indulging in idolatry
- 3000 were executed and God withdrew His presence (Ex 33:2)

Hebrews 12:25-29

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, **much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:** Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, **let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:** For our God is a consuming fire.

Acts 3:18-19

But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when (so *that*) the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

The church in ruins today (like the temple in Haggai's day)

What are the signs or decay in the church?

- Theologians denying the fundamentals of the faith
- Preaching the prosperity gospel instead of repentance from sin
- Church used for sociological and political ideas
- Beware the preachers who
 - do not warn about sin regularly
 - are more concerned about popularity than faithfully declaring the word of God

2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
(*ESV: For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,*)

- Do we want to be entertained by teachings that will produce pleasant sensations and leave us with good feelings about ourselves - or be told the truth and admonished to holy living?

- Christians concerned with material things rather than spiritual
 - - is this our golden calf? Do we worship God exclusively? Or do we have a modern form of syncretism (pairing Christianity with worldly philosophy, our own lusts)
 - 1Jn 2:15-17 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

- Christians thinking of themselves rather than others
- Christians fighting with each other

- Churches concerned only about local issues without thought for missions
- Churches forsaking discipling and evangelism
- Declining church attendance

We are builders for God

Read 1Cor 3:9-15

What will you build?

1. Yourselfes
 - 1 Corinthians 6:19 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

2. Your families
3. The church
 - Ephesians 2:21 "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:"
 - 2 Corinthians 6:16 "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."
 - 1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 "Know ye not that ye (plural) are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Why build?

- In obedience to God's command
 - Matt 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."
- for God's glory - not man's
- no future until God is at the centre of things
 - Matthew 16:24 "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."
 - Psalms 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

How will you build?

- Build on the foundation of Christ
 - 1 Cor 3:11 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."
 - Heb 3:4 "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God."
- Build with the right materials
 - Prayer
 - God's Word
- Build reverently
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- Build together (teamwork)
 - using everyone's gifts
 - Eph 4:11-12 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"
 - in love
 - 1 Peter 1:22 "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"
 - in peace
 - Rom 14:19 "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

- in humility
 - Phil 2:3,4 "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."
- Build in faith (in spite of opposition)
 - Matt 5:10-12 "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."
 - Rev 3:12 "**Him that overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

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What are the signs of success in building?

1. New converts
2. Restored backsliders
3. Built-up (mature) saints

1Cor 3:12-13 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.