

THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

Haggai 2:11-19

Haggai Week 3

THE PROBLEM: CONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

God does not give us OPTIONS to CONSIDER, but COMMANDS to OBEY.

THE CORRUPTIVE POWER OF SIN

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Ask the priests what the law says: If a person carries consecrated meat in the fold of his garment, and that fold touches some bread or stew, some wine, oil or other food, does it become consecrated?'" - Haggai 2:11-12

"Then Haggai asked, "If someone becomes ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person and then touches any of these foods, will the food be defiled?" And the priests answered, "Yes."" - Haggai 2:13

"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." – 1 Corinthians 15:33

"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." - Haggai 2:14

"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you leave your sacrifice there at the altar. God and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." – Matthew 5:23-24

GOD REMINDS HIS PEOPLE

"Now give careful thought to this from this day one—consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD's temple. 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. I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not turn to Me, declares the LORD.” - Haggai 2:15-17

- MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, I WANT YOUR HEART.

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” – Matthew 6:33

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and will all your mind; and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” – Luke 10:27

“From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought the day when the foundation of the LORD’s temple was laid. Give careful thought: 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 born fruit. ‘From this day on I will bless you.’” - Haggai 2:18-19

Deeper Thought & Life Application:

- When you're making the right choices, but life just doesn't go your way, how do you respond?
- What step will you take this week to prioritize your obedience to God?