

The Priority of the Heart

Source Text: Haggai 2:10-23

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Sermon Points

1. ILLUSTRATION: Questions on holiness and defilement (2:10-13)
2. EXPLANATION: Holiness and defilement applied to the heart, work, and worship (2:14)
3. CLARIFICATION: The role of work and worship if holiness is of the heart (2:15-19)
4. EXPANSION (2:20-23)

Discussion Questions

1. How do the people of our church try to “impress” God? What types of “works” and “offerings” do we give?
2. In your own words, how do you explain the importance of having a righteous heart? What does it mean and why is it important?
3. What is the role of obedience? How does obedience lead to blessing in a Christian’s life?
4. How can we live with the assurance that God’s blessing begins *now* when obey, even if the visible results aren’t immediate?
5. How would you explain the expansion of the temple into the New Testament, and how does the Church fit today and in the future?
6. How should the promise of God’s chosen Messiah (Jesus) and His unshakable kingdom change how you face the future and your personal challenges?
7. What are one or two things you learned and plan to incorporate from this passage?