

## Haggai – God's Blessing through His Holiness

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Haggai 2:10-19

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### **1. God will grant blessing when we put His house first through His righteousness 15-19**

#### **A. If we don't put God's priorities first, He often brings discipline**

Heb 12:7-8. *Not all discipline is God's discipline, sometimes God uses it simply to mature us.*

#### **B. When we put God's priorities first, He truly blesses us**

#### **C. Understanding God's blessings:**

- God's blessing is the key to joy in this life  
Leviticus 26
- God's blessing is not always the removal of difficulty, but the peace of His presence in the midst of this fallen world
- God's blessing is also the hope of His promises for eternity

### **2. Getting a Better Understanding of God's blessing and How Holiness Works 10-19**

#### **A. Holiness is not contagious, but Corruption is**

Lev 6:27; Lev 22:4-6; Num 19:11-16

#### **B. God doesn't bless causes, no matter how great.**

**God blesses as we seek Him in holiness that He provides**

Eph 2:21-22

#### **C. Holiness is a Heart Issue, not just outward actions**

#### **Discuss & Apply:**

- Are all problems (health, financial, relational, etc.) discipline from God? Why or why not?
- If we are seeking God in obedience and holiness will our lives be trouble-free? Why or why not? Can you think of Scriptural examples?
- Can God's blessing be equated to physical health and wealth? Why or why not? Can you show from Scripture?
- Believers still sin. Describe how a believer should walk in the holiness of Christ while they still sin.

## Cultivating Holiness

Christ is our holiness, Grow closer to Him!

- Do I spend frequent time alone before God, in the Word and in prayer (Matt. 4:1-11)?
- Do I immediately confess any known sin and turn from it in genuine repentance, without blaming or excuses (1 John 1:9)?
- Do I build into my life protection & accountability with other believers in order not to make any provision for the sins that so easily entangle me (Rom. 13:14; Heb. 12:1-2; James 5:16)?
- Do I memorize and meditate on Scriptures that will keep me from temptation and sin (Ps. 119:9, 11)?
- Am I completely truthful in my closest relationships, or do I put on a mask of hypocrisy through deception (Eph. 4:25)?
- Is my love for Jesus Christ & His holiness growing because I think often on what He did for me on the cross (Gal. 2:20; Heb 12:1-2)?
- If you truly want God's blessing on your life, on your family, and on your ministry that God has entrusted to you, pray regularly:  
*"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalm 139:23-24 )*
- Remember your calling in Christ makes holiness possible:  
*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:3-6)*