

Haggai – Are you as God's Signet Ring?

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Haggai 2:20-23

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A. God will accomplish His eternal plan

- We are NOT to rely on our own strength & power alone, but upon God's Spirit working through us.
Sure Prophecy: Not I might, but I will! Isaiah 14:24, 46:8-11
Ask: Can we trust God's plans amidst the current world situation?
Apply: Obey God even when it seems futile!
- We must not allow problems, difficulties & political upheavals to discourage us & cause despair in God's work
Zerubbabel was called to lead during a 'difficult' situation
Ask: What are you being called to do in this 'difficult' situation?
Apply: Will you look for opportunities to be a Gospel messenger?
- As God's servants we should be encouraged to trust God and for His will to be accomplished
God often uses the most unlikely of circumstances & people to accomplish His purposes:
Egypt: Exodus 7-14; Jericho: Joshua 6; Gideon Judge 7
Ask: Are you that faithful person who trusts God?
Apply: Do you trust God in your difficult circumstances?

B. God's plan centers on Jesus Christ

- Zerubbabel was a type of Christ Heb 12:26; Lk 24:27; Haggai 2:23
Zerubbabel's prophecies fulfilled in Christ – his descendant
Christ is God's ultimate signet ring
Christ builds God's Spiritual Temple Eph 1:23; 2:20
- God's timing for fulfilling His plan is often different than our timing 2 Peter 3:8-9
God's promises are sure. He will return again.
Ask: Are you ready? Are your neighbors, co-workers ready with Gospel?
- What God begins, He always finishes... including His work in us and through us! Phil 1:6; Rm 8:28-30; 2 Cor 5:17-20; 2 Ths 1:11-12
Apply: Are you being used for God's glory – like His signet ring?



Discuss & Apply:

- Does God's sovereignty comfort you or bother you? Why?
- What promises of God should we look to in this time of turmoil in our nation and world? What assurances do we have that they are true?
- Why is it important to trust God even when we die without receiving the things that He promised (Hebrews 11:13)?
- Read 1 Cor 15:19. How do you respond or react to this statement? How would your spouse or others say you live your life in relation to God's promises?
- Read Phil 1:6 and Phil 2:12-13. Are you joyfully working with God to accomplish His purposes or are you sitting back knowing He is sovereign?
- Read 2 Cor 5:17-20. Discuss and lay out a plan of what these verses implemented looks like for faithful believers?
- Read 2 Thess 1:11-12. What would Paul's prayer look like if it was fully fulfilled in your life? How can you help your brothers & sisters make this happen at OCC?
- How would thinking of yourself as God's signet ring help you glorify Him each and every day? What would be different in your life? In the life of your church?