

TAKING CARE OF THE HOUSE OF GOD

Haggai 1:3-7 and 2:23

“Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.”

Prophet's Haggai book brings a clear message so that the people took care of the house of God. The people were rebuilding the city, the walls, their houses while the temple was in ruins. The people came back from the captivity, freed by the power and grace of God and it didn't recognize this, they went back to rebuild the city destroyed because of their sins, however the reconstruction obeyed it a wrong order of priorities and, because of these wrong priorities in the life of the people continued captive.

1. **Haggai 1:4-7**—“ Consider your roads” - this is the word that God brings the people through the prophet. The people were trying to rebuild the city, but the first thing with that she worried was in rebuilding their own houses and their plantations. For this the Lord tells them: “Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages {to put it} into a bag with holes. {with holes: Heb. pierced through}”. That sad reality they were facing! And it was for this that God tells them for twice that they should consider their roads. A lot of times we also acted like this, we prioritized our things while the things of God are abandoned, we prioritized our work while the work of God is abandoned, we prioritized our house and our family, while the house of God and the people of God are abandoned. Wrong priorities! Then we questioned God the why of the things give wrong for us.
2. **Haggai 2:11-14**— In these verses until we can see that the people tried to do something for God, however with their polluted hands for the sin contaminated everything that they offered to God. It was necessary first that the people went by a sanctification so that he could see the action of God in his favor, "look for the sanctification without which nobody will see God." Will it be that am not also invalidating him what do with a life of wrong priorities?

But what does the one happen when I order my priorities correctly?

3. **Haggai 2:6-9**—“**For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations; and the precious things of all nations shall come; and**

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I will fill this house with glory, saith Jehovah of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts. The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith Jehovah of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith Jehovah of hosts". God promises me to bless if I put my priorities of life in the way like Him wants. He has the commitment of blessing me, therefore this is promised in the word. I will have success in whatever does not because I deserve, but because God will be with me. I am not speaking about success in the human way of understanding, it can be that God has in mind a different success for you, be ready to understand the blessing when she arrives, but God also has power to bless you with wealths, He is owner of the gold and of the silver.

4. **Haggai 2:21-23 - "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith Jehovah, and will make thee as a signet; for I have chosen thee, saith Jehovah of hosts"**. God will have always something wonderful for me, a lot besides that that I can at least imagine. When Zerubbabel made the decision of reordaining their life priorities, passing worrying with what happened with the house of God, it received a much larger blessing than what could imagine, a lot besides the own understanding.

God is like this my brother, He always has the best for you, it is enough you to worry in taking care of the things of God and Him will take care of your things. Remember: **When you take care of the house of God, God takes care of your house. When you take care of the businesses of God, then God takes care of their businesses. When you worry about the family of God, He will take care of your family.**

See you!

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