

Message Series:

God, You Want Me to Do What?
A Study on the Minor Prophets
Jonah, Hosea, Micah, and Haggai
Stepping Up and Going Out for God
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Today's Message:

Completing What has been Started
Haggai Chapter 1

Haggai 1:4 The Message

“How is it that it's the ‘right time’ for you to live in your fine new homes while the Home, God's Temple, is in ruins?”

Today's Main Thought: Haggai encourages the small group of exiles, returning from 70 years of Babylonian captivity to complete building God's Temple.

God Almighty assembled the right people to build His Temple, vv. 1, 6; Ezra 1:1-5; 2; 3:8

- *The right people returned to Jerusalem for the **right reasons***
- *The right people settled in the **right place***
- *The right people had the **right work** in mind*

The right people drifted toward personal priorities, v. 4; Ezra 1:2; Isaiah 44:28

God Priorities

- *Rebuilding God's Temple in Jerusalem*
- *Building homes and establishing a strong family structure*

- *Make a living through farming*
- *Establish Jerusalem's infrastructure*
 - *Schools*
 - *Shops*
 - *Commerce*

The right people made excuses for abandoning God's priority, v. 2

- *God's devoted concentrated their energy on their personal pursuits, v.4*
- *God's devoted failed to consider the devastating impact in abandoning God's priority, vv. 5-11*

The right people quickly responded to Haggai's message, vv. 1, 15

- *God's faithful responded within 23 days*

Haggai's message to Judson

- *Get started on the “hard thing”.*
- *Persevere! Complete “the hard thing” God has asked you to do.*
- *Watch out! Right people are prone to drift! Be on the lookout for one another.*
- *When we are found drifting, stop! Make an immediate adjustment.*

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Next Week: #9 conclusion of series