
MAJOR LESSONS FROM MINOR PROPHETS: YOUR SERVICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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Introduction: God wants us to see our place in His eternal plans.

A. There are times where it is difficult to see how our efforts will make a difference.

Hebrews 6:11-12; 11:24-27

B. The book of Haggai was written at a crucial time in the history of God's people.

Ezra 5:1-2

Discussion:

I. God wanted His people to consider their ways

A. When God's people become self-serving, then they become miserable.

Lev 26:14-16; Mal 1:6-7; Jas 4:1-3; Hag 1:2; Hag 1:3-4

B. God was merciful to His people and brought great discomfort to them.

Hag 1:5-7; Micah 7:9, 18-20

II. God wanted His people to see the unseen

A. Do you remember how the people feared the Lord when they were brought into His presence? **Deut 5:29; Heb 11:3, 6**

B. When we understand how God made us, then we should know that the only fulfillment in life is to glorify God. **Hag 1:8-10; Deut 8:11-20; Ecc 3:11; Mt 6:24-27**

C. Haggai gave the message from God about their condition and the people received it.

Mal 1:12-13

D. God now dealt with the source of discouragement that was holding back the work.

Hag 2:1-3, Ezra 3:8-13; Hag 2:4-5

E. God allowed them to understand that this temple would be a far greater one in the plan of God and the glory that would be associated with it. **Hag 2:6-9**

III. God's people need leaders who walk by faith

A. God's people will not rise above their leaders. **Hag 1:14-15**

B. When the temple was completed we see the crucial role leadership played. **Ezra 6:14-15**