
Rebuilding For The Latter Glory (Greater Is Coming)

Rebuilding The Work

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Sermon: Rebuilding The Work: Rebuilding For The Latter Glory (Greater Is Coming)

Lesson Text

Haggai 2:1–9 (KJV)¹ In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, ² Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, ³ Who *is* left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? *is it* not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? ⁴ Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts: ⁵ *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. ⁶ For thus saith the LORD 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*; ⁷ And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Introduction

Last week we learned how to fight against time to restart the rebuild. We looked at the fight against Chronos (our time vs. God’s time), Kairos (our ways vs. God’s ways), and Perception (our mind vs. God’s mind).

Now we see that as the rebuilding of the temple has resumed, we run into another problem, and that is the comparison of the former temple to the new one!

Haggai 2:3 (The Message) ‘Is there anyone here who saw the Temple the way it used to be, all glorious? And what do you see now? Not much, right?’

Have you ever noticed how people talk about how better things were in the “good old days”. The water was wetter, the ice was colder, gas was 25 cents, buying a house for \$100, and so on.

But sometimes when we reminisce about the good old days, we have selective memory. We remember having someone to hold us when we were “shacking up,” but we forget that the reason why we left them is because they cheated on us with our best friend.

When the Children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness; they complained about the lack of food and reminisced about the leeks and onions back in Egypt. But they must have forgotten about the 400 years of bondage.

During a rebuild, the enemy will convince you that what you have is less than what you had. Perhaps the love won’t feel as intense, or maybe the enthusiasm will have waned.

There will be times where your faith and prayers won’t seem to have the same power, or your praise and worship may not have the same spiritual highs as you’ve experienced.

But remember, a rebuilding sports team will experience a lot of losses before they begin to win again; and a rebuilding business may have to operate in the red for several quarters before they become profitable.

But God says, be strong and keep rebuilding, because the glory of the latter is going to be greater than the former. Although you can't see it yet, I will shake up the world, and fill this house with my presence and with my glory, and what's to come will be greater than what was!

Series and Sermon: Rebuilding The Work: Rebuilding For The Latter Glory (Greater Is Coming)

“The Greater Presence, The Greater Promise, and the Greater Glory is Coming”

I. The Greater Presence is Coming

Haggai 2: ⁴ Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

What do you do when you don't feel the presence of the Lord the way you used to?

- Psalm 22: ¹ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?*
- Matthew 27: ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

The truth is we all get to a place where we feel that things aren't as great as they used to be; the love has faded, our walk feels compromised, our prayer doesn't seem to be getting through, and we just feel forsaken or abandoned.

And when things don't feel as good as they used to feel, we assume something is wrong.

In the words of B.B. King: *“The thrill is gone, It's gone away from me. The thrill is gone baby, The thrill is gone away from me. Although, I'll still live on, But so lonely I'll be.”*

So, what's the answer when things don't feel the way they used to? **You must have Faith over Feelings!**

Regardless of what we feel, what we know is what God said. And what he said was, Haggai 2: ⁴ Yet now be strong, ... for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

You must believe what you know above knowing what you feel.

Romans 10: ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 8: ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Hebrews 13: ⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

When we don't feel God, we know that we know that we know that God is always with us. It may not feel like it used to feel, but by faith a Greater Presence is Coming!

II. The Greater Promise is Coming

Haggai 2: ⁵ *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

What do you do when it looks like things are just not working for you? When the promises of God seem to never quite reach reality in your life.

Always a day late and a dollar short! Always the bride's maid, never the bride! And it's particularly difficult when it looks like the wicked are getting your dollar or your mate.

Psalm 73:1¹ Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart. ² But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. ³ For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

The reason why some people struggle with promises is because of broken promises. Unfortunately, people have conditioned us to accept that promises can be broken.

People said, "Ain't' no mountain high enough," but they left us over a mole hill! People said, "For rich or poor, sickness or health, Till death do us part", but they are gone and we still have a job, have good health, and nobody is dead!

Psalm 146: ³ Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.... ⁵ Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

God's Promise is a Covenant, and a Covenant is Greater!

A Covenant is an agreement which brings about a relationship of commitment between God and his people. From God's perspective it can't be broken because God cannot lie.

Proverbs 3: ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

2 Corinthians 1: ²⁰ For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

People may break their promises, but trust in the Lord because a Greater Promise is Coming!

III. The Greater Glory is Coming

Haggai 2: ⁹ The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

- Greater Presence is Coming because God will never leave us or forsake us.
- Greater Promise is Coming because we put our trust in God and not in man.
- Greater Glory is Coming, because God will shake up the world and fill his House with Glory

When you are in a rebuild mode, what you have doesn't look like much. All you see is failure, loss, and lack. (A rebuilding sports team loses, a rebuilding business operates in the red).

But regardless of what it looks like today, God says the Glory of the latter will be greater than the former. "Greater is Coming!"

Greater is Coming because God will Shake Up The World

- Haggai 2: ⁷ And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come:...
 - Haggai 2:7 (NLT)⁷ I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple...
- Proverbs 13: ²² ... the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.
- Matthew 19: ³⁰ **But many *that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.***
- Psalm 75: ⁶ For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. ⁷ But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.
- God is shaking up gates of hell, shaking up doors of opportunity, shaking up windows of blessings.

Greater is Coming because God will fill us up with his Glory

- Haggai 2: ⁷ ... and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.
- **Greater Glory is Coming:** Romans 8:18 (KJV)¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- **Greater Blessings are Coming:** Deuteronomy 28:2–3 (KJV)² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. ³ Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.
- **Greater Power is Coming:** Luke 10:19 (KJV)¹⁹ **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**
- **Greater Anointing is Coming:** Isaiah 10:27 (KJV)²⁷ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

Greater is Coming! Greater healing is coming! Greater deliverance is coming! Greater joy is coming! Greater Peace is coming!

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Rebuilding For The Latter Glory (Greater Is Coming))

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- Haggai 2:1–9

Sermon Outline (Notes)

- I. *The Greater Presence is Coming***
- II. *The Greater Promise is Coming***
- III. *The Greater Glory is Coming***

Questions (What was your takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. If you could remain one age, what age would it be?
2. Which do you prefer: turkey or chicken / steak or hamburger / crab legs or lobster / no meat at all?

II. Into the Bible

Read Ephesians 2:19-22 and answer the following questions:

1. Where is the temple of God today?
2. What makes today's temple greater than both Solomon's temple and the temple being built in the lesson text in Haggai?

III. Life Application

1. What encouragement can you give yourself when your present situation is the complete opposite to God's promises?
2. Sports teams and businesses make plans in rebuilding. What plans have you made in your rebuilding?