



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, August 30, 2026

Haggai 2:1-23 – Rebuilding Requires... Presence & Perseverance

Even after the Israelites resumed rebuilding the temple, they needed the Lord's presence to persevere until the work was completed.

The Lord assures us of his presence by his...

- Word/Promise
- Covenant
- Holy Spirit

When the Lord is with us to build his kingdom, he will...

- Fill his house with his glory
- Grant peace
- Consecrate us
- Bless us
- Establish his sovereign rule

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by persevering in rebuilding the House of the Lord, who is always with us.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! May you strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, and live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:11,14)

Discussion Questions:

- Why do we need to be encouraged and strengthened by the Lord to complete the work even after we know what he has commanded us to do?
- Why is having the presence of the Lord with us so important for the work of building the House of the Lord? How do we receive the presence of the Lord in our lives?
- How does the Lord assure us of his continuing presence with us?
- What does it mean for the Lord to fill his house with his glory and grant peace?
- What was the glory of the second temple? What is the glory of our temple?
- How are we consecrated? How are we defiled?
- How does the Lord establish his sovereign rule through us?