

Time To Build Again: From This Day On
Application Guide

Read Haggai 2:10-19

One of the things God is teaching the people in this message is that *keeping* their hearts right is as important as *getting* their hearts right in the first place. In other words it's not enough to respond positively to God momentarily & then slip back into old ways. It's been three months now since they began work on the temple & God gives Haggai this message to help keep them focused on the job.

1. What do verses 11-13 teach us about the difference in nature between holiness & sin?
2. Haggai's message highlights the importance of obedience. What do 1 Corinthians 15:58, Hebrews 10:35-35 & James 5:7 teach us about the nature of a Christian's obedience?

Haggai's third message is not talking so much about the state the people were currently in; but the state they had been in before the work on the temple resumed. So the intention is to highlight that blessing follows true repentance & lasting obedience just as a lack of such things causes God to withhold blessing. God wanted them to contrast the fruit of disobedience with that of obedience.

3. What does true repentance look like?
4. Bearing in mind what Christ has done for us, how do you think the ideas of repentance & obedience work in a believer's life today? For example do you think God's still withholds blessing from his people when they are disobedient & unrepentant etc?