

Haggai 1:7-15

From Hunger to Obedience

1. Consider your ways 7-11

A. The LORD of Hosts

B. Command to rebuild

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. -Luke 14:27-33 NASB

C. God speaks through their/our hungers

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."-Matthew 5:6 NASB

2. Obedience 12

A. Obeyed the voice of the LORD

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." -John 10:27-30 NASB

B. ALL

C. Showed Reverence

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. -Hebrews 12:28-29 NASB

3. God's Presence 13-15

A. Promise of presence

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." -Matthew 28:19-20 NASB

B. Motivation of the leaders

C. The LORD of hosts their God 14

Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" So, he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. -2 Kings 6:15-17 NASB

D. It is now September 21, 520 BC

Reflection:

1. *What is it that you need to trust the Lord for today? How are you trusting in Him for His presence, provision, and power?*
2. *Are you welcoming the presence of the Lord where He will be able to take action in your life? Will He be able to deal with your anger or your lust?*