

Haggai's admonition

**Haggai 1**  
In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

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Governor - political representative  
High Priest - spiritual representative

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Real people with responsibilities  
Literal meaning  
Figurative meaning

**Haggai 1**  
saying, "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying:  
*"This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.""*

**Collective comment of the people**

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**Application for us**

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Lack of faith, resources, attention not an excuse

**Haggai 1**

Then the word of the LORD  
came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

*"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell  
in your paneled houses,  
and this temple to lie in ruins?"*

**God confronts...**

Where are the priorities?

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We want God to be first, but is He?

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- Figurative look at God's house

**Haggai 1**

Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts:

*"Consider your ways!  
You have sown much, and bring in little;  
You eat, but do not have enough;  
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;  
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;  
And he who earns wages,  
Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."*

**God confronts...**

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

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"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor

**God confronts...**

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor
- No easing of hunger or thirst

**God confronts...**

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor
- No easing of hunger or thirst
- No comfort

**God confronts...**

"I can't get no satisfaction..."

- No fruit from labor
- No easing of hunger or thirst
- No comfort
- No return on investment

**Haggai 1**

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

*"Consider your ways!*

*Go up to the mountains and bring wood  
and build the temple,  
that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,"*

says the LORD.

**God instructed...**

Just do what I ask

**God instructed...**

Just do what I ask

- No excuses

**God instructed...**

Just do what I ask

- No excuses
- No complaining

**God instructed...**

Just do what I ask

- No excuses
- No complaining
- Do it to please me

**Haggai 1**

*"You looked for much, but indeed it came to little;  
and when you brought it home, I blew it away.*

*Why?"* says the LORD of hosts.

*"Because of My house that is in ruins,  
while every one of you runs to his own house.*

**God confronts...**

I am not your priority

**God confronts...**

I am not your priority

- Your actions reveal it

**God confronts...**

I am not your priority

- Your actions reveal it
- Your attitude reveals it

**God confronts...**

I am not your priority

- Your actions reveal it
- Your attitude reveals it
- Your lack of reverence reveals it

**Haggai 1**

*Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew,  
and the earth withholds its fruit.*

*For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains,  
on the grain and the new wine and the oil,*

*on whatever the ground brings forth,  
on men and livestock,*

*and on all the labor of your hands."*

**God reveals...**

So this is the fruit of your labor...

You are reaping what you have sown

**Haggai 1**

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,  
and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,  
with all the remnant of the people,  
obeyed the voice of the LORD their God,  
and the words of Haggai the prophet,  
as the LORD their God had sent him;  
and the people feared the presence of the LORD.

**God's results...**

Both leadership and the people are ready to obey

God is "feared" once more

**Haggai 1**

Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger,  
spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying,

*"I am with you, says the LORD."*

**God assures...**

Emmanuel - our God is with us

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I will never leave you or forsake you

**God assures...**

Emmanuel - our God is with us

I will never leave you or forsake you

But I am a jealous God and I come first.

**Haggai 1**

So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

**God equips...**

He gave them direction

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He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

**God equips...**

He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

He gave them resources

**God equips...**

He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

He gave them resources

He gave them strength

**God equips...**

He gave them direction

He gave them enthusiasm and zeal

He gave them resources

He gave them strength

And He did it all in 23 days...

**God is asking something of us...**

He is willing to give direction

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He is willing to give enthusiasm and zeal

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He is willing to give strength

**God is asking something of us...**

He is willing to give direction  
He is willing to give enthusiasm and zeal  
He is willing to give resources  
He is willing to give strength  
And He can do it as quickly as He wants to...

**God is asking something of you...**

He is willing to give direction  
He is willing to give enthusiasm and zeal  
He is willing to give resources  
He is willing to give strength  
And He can do it as quickly as He wants to...

**Ask God to...**

Confront ... then repent

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Confront ... then repent  
Instruct ... then obey

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