

CHURCH ON THE RISE

Lesson One • Haggai 1:1-15

The Time Is Now To Rise Up

Background to the Book of Haggai:

- ❖ Haggai is the author and his name means "FESTIVE" or "festival".
- ❖ Haggai was written in 520 BC, 18 years after a remnant of God's people returned to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity.
- ❖ Haggai was a PROPHET, one who is appointed to speak God's message.

The Theme of the Book of Haggai:

The people of God RISING UP to rebuild the Temple of God for the glory of God!

The Time Is Now to Rise Up and Build:

1. The Time Is Now to Listen to God's ANALYSIS!

God's Analysis of the Problem:

The people of God were neglecting to rebuild the Temple of God as a result of misplaced PRIORITIES.

- The people's apathetic EXCUSE: "*The time has not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.*" vs. 2
- The people's problem EXPOSED: "*Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?*" vs. 4

2. The Time Is Now to Consider Haggai's APPEAL!

Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways!" Haggai 1:5

- Consider the DISATISFACTION you are experiencing in life. vs. 6-7
- Consider the DISCIPLINE you are experiencing from God. vs. 9-11

The Real Problem Then and Now...

It is not the neglect of a building but INDIFFERENCE to the glory of God.

*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.
Haggai 1:7-8*

3. The Time Is Now to Follow the People's ACTIONS!

- OBEY the Lord by rising up for His glory. vs. 12
- TRUST in the Lord's promise of His presence and power. vs. 13-14

One Abiding Lesson from Haggai:

Check out your priorities, and if need be, PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST!

"Consider your ways!" "Consider your ways!" Haggai 2:5, 7

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" Mark 8:36

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33