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The Book of Haggai

Hag. 2:10-19

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13 Then said Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So *is* this people, and so *is* this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so *is* every work of their hands; and that which they offer there *is* unclean.

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15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

16 Since those *days* were, when *one* came to an heap of *twenty measures*, there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.

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19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless *you*. **...Major Message**

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b. Vileness Cannot Be Contained, 2:13

Hag. 2:13 Then said Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

Num. 19:11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. ...

22 And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

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Hag. 2:16 “Since those *days* were, when *one* came to an heap of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.

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Amos 4:9 **I have smitten you** with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured *them*: **yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.**

10 **I have sent** among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men **have I slain** with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: **yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.**

11 **I have overthrown some of you**, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: **yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.**

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3. The Negligent Heart, 2:17b – “...yet ye *turned* not to me, saith the LORD.”

2 Chron. 36:15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; **because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:**

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there* was no remedy.

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Prov. 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

C. The Blessing That Was Waiting, 2:18-19

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1. The Ground of Blessing, 2:18

Hag. 2:18 **Consider now from this day and upward**, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, **consider it.**

2. The Greatness of Blessing, 2:19

Hag. 2:19 **Is the seed yet in the barn?** yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, **hath not brought forth**: from this day **will I bless you.**

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Conclusion

Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And **let us not be weary in well doing**: for in due season **we shall reap, if we faint not**.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

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