

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS: Getting to the Heart of the Matter Pastor Brandon Zieske

Text: Haggai 2:10-23

The rebuilding of the temple isn't about the temple. It's about the heart.
Zechariah 1:1-3; 1 Samuel 15:22

Holy acts have no power to make us holy. Only a holy God can make us holy.
Haggai 2:10-13; Hebrews 10:10

To disregard God's way and still come before God as if nothing is wrong is offensive to God. Haggai 2:14; Matthew 5:23-24; Hebrews 12:14; Romans 6:1-2

HAVE WE CHEAPENED GRACE? IS OUR OBEDIENCE CONDITIONAL?

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS: No amount of effort on our end will improve our condition apart from repentance. Haggai 2:15-17; James 4:1-10; Revelation 3:1-3

Because God is a jealous God, He will always go for the heart. Haggai 2:17b; Zechariah 1:3; Amos 4:9; Jeremiah 31:3

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS: God wants to bless us. God wants to make us holy.
Haggai 2:18-23; Zechariah 3:1-10

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS: Keep producing fruit with repentance. Matthew 3:8

NOW IS THE TIME: What will you offer God this morning? Romans 12:1

Food for Thought for the week of November 29, 2015
(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion)

Please read Haggai 2:10-23.

1. How did this week's message impact you? What challenged you? What questions did it raise? What confused you?

2. What rebuilding project have you taken on? Give a report.

3. How much time had passed since the word of the Lord last came through Haggai? (2:1, 2:10) Since Haggai's first message from the Lord? (1:1) How much time passed until the temple was completed? (Ezra 6:15) Comment on that.

4. God is completely in control of the world but man is nevertheless fully responsible for his own actions. Divine sovereignty and human responsibility. God makes us holy, but we are to make ourselves holy. 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 2 Peter 1:5-11. Strive for holiness. Romans 8:13, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 12:14, 1 John 3:3. God does it all, but He does it by the use of human effort. Comment.

5. We should not be complacent about the presence of sin in our lives. There is a battle to be fought with God's help. Comment.

6. As a follower of Jesus, how are you like "God's signet ring"? Imagine God saying to you, "From this day on I will bless you." How does that make you feel?

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