

Minor Prophets
Haggai
Lesson 1

Text: **Haggai 1:1-15**

I. Introduction:

A. About the Book

- i. **The Prophet,**
- ii. **The Time,**
- iii. **The Message,**

II. Rekindling the Fire, Vs.1-15

A. Put God First, **vs.1-4**

- i. **Excuses,**

Jeremiah 25:1-14

- ii. **The Evidence was there for them to complete the work,**

II Chronicles 36:22&23 & Ezra 1:1-4

Isaiah 44:28 “That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.”

Isaiah 45:13 “I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.”

- iii. **Inconsistency,**

B. Trust in God's Promises, **Vs.5-11**

- i. **Examine your ways,**

See **Lev.26:18-20 & Deut. 28:38-40**

See **II Corinthians 13:5-10**

- ii. **Look at what was happening,**

Ezra 3:7 “They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.”

iii. Vs.9-11, Just to be clear about it,

C. Reverence God's Name, Vs.7&8

i. God is Holy,

John 15:8 “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”

D. Obey God's Command, Vs.12-15

i. Obey The Word,

ii. Top Down Obedience,

iii. Lord of Host,

1:2,9,14 ; 2:4,7,8,9,23

iv. Obedience is Rewarded,

John 7:17 “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.”

Philippians 2:13 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. ”

v. Why a 3 Week Delay,

Luke 14:28&29 “For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*?²⁹Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him,”

James 4:17,18, & 26 “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.¹⁸Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works...²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”