

# The Book of HAGGAI

**CONSIDER your ways!**  
**You sow much but bring in little;**  
**You eat and drink but are not filled;**  
**Your wages are placed in a bag with holes;**  
**Consider your ways and live!**  
**Can you find rest in your house**  
**When the Lord's house is laid waste?**  
**When God blows on your supply,**  
**Attend to His work in great haste.**  
**Yes, it is time to consider your ways!**

## HAGGAI 1

<sup>1</sup>In the second year of Darius the king, 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, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

<sup>2</sup>Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying, "This people says, 'The time has not come for the house of the Lord to be built.'"

<sup>3</sup>Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

<sup>4</sup>"Is it time for you to dwell in your paneled houses, and the Lord's house to lie in ruins?"

<sup>5</sup>Now therefore," thus says the Lord of hosts, "consider your ways!

<sup>6</sup>You have sown much and brought in little; *self-assessment surely pays.*

Consider your ways:

you eat, but you do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink. You put on clothes but there is no warmth.

*Take some time to think!*

He who earns wages, earns wages to put in a bag with holes."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways!

*When you can't see where the money goes, consider your ways!*

<sup>8</sup>"Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house of God, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>"You looked for much, but it came to little; when you brought it home, I blew it away, but why?" says the Lord of hosts.

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

<sup>10</sup>Therefore, the heaven above you withholds the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.

<sup>11</sup>For I called for a drought on the land and on the mountains, on the grain and on the new wine, on the oil and whatever the ground brings forth,

on men and on cattle, and on all the labor of your hands."

<sup>12</sup>Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

with all the people remaining, 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.

<sup>13</sup>Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, spoke the Lord's message to the people, saying,

"I am with you," says the Lord.

<sup>14</sup>So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

and the spirit of the remnant of the people, and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God.

<sup>15</sup>In the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

## CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. God considers your consideration or lack of it for the things of God and the house of God and gives you practical things to consider to correctly align your thinking.*
- 2. There is nothing more important to Christ in the earth than His church which He loved to death, His own death; enter into His work and you enter into His heart.*
- 3. It may be right for you to enjoy the wealth of your labor, but it may not be time to do so if the work of the Lord is not progressing.*
- 4. The citizen of the kingdom is the King's responsibility, but kingdom first is the King's priority and the citizens' responsibility, for the King ensures the prosperity of the citizens through the prosperity of the kingdom.*
- 5. There is never a right time to prioritize self-interest above the kingdom's; kingdom must be your first pursuit, all other things are kingdom additives; God wants them to pursue you.*
- 6. When you cannot see where your money goes; it is as if it is in a bag of holes, it may be that you have neglected your duty as a steward and become selfish with kingdom cattle (resources) stored on your hills.*
- 7. Business failure, financial struggles, personal lack, debts and hunger may not be because you are a bad businessperson or a poor provider,*

*but because you are a terrible steward. You consider yourself owner and ignore the call of God and the needs of the kingdom.*

8. *Giving makes alive; the best way to satisfy your present and secure your future is to give your confidence away and invest in eternity.*
9. *Consider your ways carefully; use the temporal to secure eternity for yourself and others; place your treasures to position your heart to anchor your ways in God.*
10. *Hold up your treasures where it will never mold up and thieves cannot hold it up; build His house.*
11. *God will blow you away with His goodness if you make Him your treasure; He will deliberately blow away your goodness if you place your treasures above Him.*
12. *Your efforts will never yield its due if it is not moistened by heaven's dew; never ignore heaven in building your life on earth.*
13. *Now you know the heart of God for His house and His work on earth, commit yourself to give your heart and hands to the building of His kingdom here.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I fix my heart on Your house and on Your work here in this earth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, as You died to establish Your kingdom here, help me to live to see Your work progress. Amen. By the authority of the blood of the Lamb, kingdom shall be my priority, in the name of Jesus.
- Majestic God, I am powerless against You; I refuse to be selfish with my resources, instead I give my strength to You so You will fight for me and not against me, in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus, I am ecstatic about You. I find You to be my greatest treasure and therefore I place all my treasures and hope and expectation in You. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, to demonstrate how much I value Your work on the cross, I give my heart, my hands, my thoughts, my plans, and my resources to the building of lives and Your kingdom in this earth. Amen.

**YOU HAVE seen the state of the Lord's labor.**

**You know there is much work to be done. When it seems like you are not able, A voice says, "Fear not, be strong! The silver and the gold is Mine, For the glory of the latter house shall be great.**

**I will shake the heavens and the earth! I will shake the nations at that time! I will fill this house with glory; The silver and the gold is Mine!"**

### HAGGAI 2

<sup>1</sup>On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came to Haggai the prophet, saying:

<sup>2</sup>"Speak now to Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, Judah's governor, and to Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the people remaining, saying,

<sup>3</sup>"Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory?"

How do you see it now?

Is it not as nothing in comparison with it, in your eyes?"

<sup>4</sup>Now, therefore, be strong, O Zerubbabel,' says the Lord;

'and, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest, be strong,

and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the Lord,

'and work; for I am with you,' says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>5</sup>According to the word of the covenant I made with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!

<sup>6</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Yet, once more (it is a little while)

I will shake the heaven and earth, the sea and dry land,

<sup>7</sup>and I will shake all nations,

and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations,

and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>8</sup>The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine.' says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>9</sup>The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former one,' says the Lord of hosts.

'And I will give peace in this place.' says the Lord of hosts."

<sup>10</sup>In the second year of Darius, on the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet saying,

<sup>11</sup>"Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

<sup>12</sup>"If one carries holy meat in the skirt of his garment

and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine oil or any food, will it become holy?"

And the priests answered and said, "No."

<sup>13</sup>Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?"

The priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."

<sup>14</sup>Then Haggai answered and said, "Indeed, 'So is the people and so is this nation before Me,' says the Lord,

'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

<sup>15</sup>And now, carefully consider from this day forward:

from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the Lord,

<sup>16</sup>since those days when one came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there was only ten;

when one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were only twenty.

<sup>17</sup>I struck you with blight and mildew, and hail in all the labors of your hands, yet you did not turn to Me,' says the Lord.

**18** Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid; consider it!

**19** Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree has not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you."

**20** And again the word of the Lord came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying,

**21** "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, and say,

I will shake heaven and earth. I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the gentile kingdoms.

**22** I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them;

the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by his brother's sword.

**23** In that day,' says, the Lord of hosts, I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the Lord, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,'" says the Lord of hosts.

#### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you understand the glory you pursue, you will never be disheartened, instead you will be strong and persistent.*
2. *The Spirit of the Lord in you and among you magnifies your labor; your persistence in His eyes is of greater value than your progress in your own eyes.*
3. *Your great effort is a platform for His visitation; His presence will effortlessly bring great results to you.*
4. *Shake yourself and work persistently for God will*

*once more shake the heavens, the earth, the sea and the land and the nations and place kingdom in their hearts.*

5. *Build to and for the glory of the Lord, for the true value and beauty of any temple is when God fills it with His glory.*
6. *Humility acknowledges stewardship, and prompts obedience in giving above human recognition; the silver and gold are and will always be His.*
7. *The glory you are working in, and working for, and which is working in you, is greater than any glory ever assigned or ascribed to the house of God before; build from the heart with this precious knowledge.*
8. *The holy cannot sanctify the unholy, only God sanctifies, but the unholy will defile the holy; be careful to separate.*
9. *There is no successful mix with evil; evil always wins. Be careful of the friends you keep, holiness requires separation and sanctification.*
10. *The God who wrote you in the palm of His hands makes you like a signet ring on His hand and places His Spirit in you as a seal. Heaven is taking no chances with you.*

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I declare to You my faith by my persistent, unwavering pursuit of Your promises. Amen.
- Omnipotent God, I perform for Your eyes, I play for Your presence, I prepare for Your visitation. My Father, move my life forward beyond the ability of human efforts, in the name of Jesus.
- God of love and endless mercies, place eternity in the hearts of the unreached nations of the earth and of every complacent sinner, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Thank You Lord that You have invested more glory in me, your temple, than in the glorious temple of Solomon and in the holy men of old who have marvellously displayed Your glory in the earth. Amen.
- Father God, I will show You off to my generation because I want You to sing over me and show me off like the signet ring on Your hand. Amen.