

Haggai

THE MINOR PROPHETS

6-Day
Devotional

Day 1: Consider Your Ways

Scripture: Haggai 1:5 ESV – *“Now therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Consider your ways!’”*

Summary: God calls His people not merely to *hear His words*, but to *reflect on how they live*. After returning from exile, the Israelites became distracted with building their own homes while God’s temple lay in ruins. Haggai’s first message invites us to pause and honestly examine our priorities. Do we invest more time and energy in personal comfort than in God’s purposes? God’s call to “consider your ways” reminds us that true blessing flows when our lives align with His will.

Reflection Question: What are some areas in your life where God might be inviting you to *consider your ways and realign your priorities with His*?

Prayer: Lord, give me eyes to see the areas of my life that need realignment. Help me to lay aside distractions and to pursue Your will with a whole heart. Make my steps faithful to Your purpose. Amen.

Day 2: God’s House Comes First

Scripture: Haggai 1:8 ESV – *“Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified,” says the Lord.*

Summary: The temple represented God’s dwelling place among His people. When the people delayed rebuilding it, they symbolically de-prioritized fellowship with God. Haggai’s call to action challenges us today: God desires first place in our hearts, our schedules, and our resources. Choosing God first doesn’t diminish our lives—He promises purpose and blessing when we put Him at the center.

Reflection Question: In what ways have you been tempted to put your own comfort or plans ahead of God’s priorities?

Prayer: Father, help me to seek Your kingdom above all else. Teach me to prioritize Your work and Your presence over my own ease. Shape my heart to love what You love. Amen.

Day 3: Obedience Brings Renewal

Scripture: Haggai 1:12-13 ESV – *“Then Zerubbabel... and Joshua... and all the remnant obeyed... And the Lord stirred up their spirit... ‘I am with you,’ declares the Lord.”*

Summary: When the people responded to God’s word with obedience, God responded with encouragement and His abiding presence. True obedience flows not from obligation but from trust and worship. God doesn’t need our labor, but He desires our hearts. When we obey—even in small steps—God promises to be *with us, empowering and transforming us as we yield to Him*.

Reflection Question: Where is God calling you to take a first step of obedience—even if it feels small or uncertain?

Prayer: Lord, give me a willing heart to obey Your call. When I feel uncertain or discouraged, remind me that You are with me. Fill me with Your Spirit and strengthen me for the journey. Amen.

Day 4: Encouragement for the Builders

Scripture: Haggai 2:4 ESV – *“Be strong, all you people of the land,” says the Lord, “and work; for I am with you.”*

Summary: After resuming the work, the people became discouraged—comparing the modest new temple to the previous one’s glory. God’s word to them was a reminder to be strong because *He is with them. In our own work for the Lord, we often face discouragement when results seem small or slow. God’s presence, however, gives us strength to persevere and courage to keep building faithfully for His glory.*

Reflection Question: What discourages you in the “work” God has given you? How might remembering God’s presence renew your strength?

Prayer: Jesus, when I grow weary or discouraged, remind me that You are with me. Fill me with strength and courage to keep building Your kingdom, trusting that You honor every act of faithfulness. Amen.

Day 5: The Glory Yet to Come

Scripture: Haggai 2:9 ESV – *“The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former,” says the Lord of hosts.*

Summary: God promised that the rebuilt temple’s glory would surpass the former’s—a promise that pointed forward to the ultimate dwelling of God with His people: Jesus Christ. The physical building they rebuilt was a shadow of the greater reality to come in Christ. For believers today, this promise reminds us that God is always at work to bring greater beauty and deeper presence into our lives than we can yet see.

Reflection Question: How does the promise of *greater glory to come shape your hope & expectations in your walk with God?*

Prayer: Lord, thank You that You are building something far greater than I can see. Increase my hope and trust in Your unfolding plans. Help me to live in the light of Your promised glory. Amen.

Day 6: God Chooses and Strengthens

Scripture: Haggai 2:23 ESV – *“I will make you like my signet ring,” says the Lord of hosts.*

Summary: In the book’s final message, God speaks of hope and identity: He will make Zerubbabel like His signet ring—a symbol of authority and approval. This promise points beyond Zerubbabel to Christ and all who trust in Him. Believers are chosen and strengthened by God to carry forward His purposes. Our identity and confidence don’t rest in our strength but in God’s sovereign calling and faithful presence.

Reflection Question: In what ways do you need to trust God’s choosing and empowering in your life today?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for choosing me and giving me a purpose in Your plan. Strengthen me with Your Spirit, and help me to walk confidently as Your child, bearing witness to Your love and power. Amen.

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Remember that God is faithfully rebuilding hearts as surely as He rebuilds His people—one obedient step at a time. Stay encouraged: the work He has begun in you will bear fruit for His glory.