



DGM Message Title: Blessings of Enjoyment

Topic: Prioritizing God to be Happy

Message Summary: God wants to be there to walk through it with you and cares so much that He died for us. When we realize that we break God's heart by not putting Him first, our heart breaks too. As long as God is with us we can get to the other side. When the heaviness lifts, the Joy comes back.

Scriptural References:

- Haggai 1:1-5, 8-9, 13-14
- Ecclesiastics 6:2

Key Points:

Haggai 1:1

- God gave Haggai 5 short messages in about 4 months
- Does not take long to get a message across
- 4 months changed Israel's history
- a message does not have to be long to be effective
 - thus speaks the Lord of hosts (message)
 - Haggai speaking for God
 - God said "this people" instead of my people
 - This people says the time has not come
- When God says this people instead of my people, we know there is a problem.
- The inevitable never gets easy by putting it off.
- The time has not come for the Lords house to be built, they were only handicapping themselves
- When they compared the new temple to the old temple, they became disappointed and discouraged.
- When an original compare itself to another original, it's a battle no one else can win.
- For things to be themselves, they must be distinct

Haggai 1:2

- They did not believe the Lords house was supposed to be built in that time.
- They gave up and it resulted in a 16-year delay

Haggai 1:3

- It is not time for God but it is your time

Haggai 1:4

- God said is it time for you to dwell in your paneled house. Paneling was a sign of a sign of wealth
- God does not punish us for having nice things. As long as we don't put our stuff above his stuff (purpose and plan). Long as we prioritize
- Our priorities are not in our words but in our actions.
- There is a difference between "I can't" versus what is not really important to you

Haggai 1:5

- Consider your ways!
- Reflect on your life's roads and as yourself do you really want to go that way
- Life does not just happen. We are where we are for a reason and if we are not where we want to be we need to change our reasoning.
- We try to impress people we don't like, with things we don't need, with money we don't have.
- Seems that you take 5 steps forward to take 5 steps backwards
- We think we are facing hard-times or bad luck, but Maybe God is just trying to tell you something
- Maybe your situation is God's voice saying you might want to look at your priorities.
- The greatest threat in their life was their own indifference
- When our hearts stray from God there is a home sickness that we cannot not deny and we try to fill it with stuff.
- They weren't doing wrong it was they weren't doing right they neglected doing what is right
- Ecclesiastics 6:2
- Men think the blessing of God is about more, the more I get the more I am blessed
- Being blessed is about appreciating what you do have.
- When you appreciate what you have you have a fuller life.
- The more stuff you get the more problems come with it. sometimes the things we are running from is us the things attached from us. If we slow down and do the proper cutting, we can be free and move on
- God does not always grant people the ability to enjoy life.
- If you wait for everything to be perfect, you will never be happy.
- Living life without the blessing of enjoyment, the blessing of contentment will eat your life up like a cancer.
- Haggai wanted the blessing back in his life

Haggai 1:8

- Do what God has told you to do and you will find the joy. God was saying go back to building a life that prioritizes me.
- People think they will be ok without God. But the world is cruel and will suck the strength out of you.
- God is a jealous God. –Moses
- God knows the number of hairs on our heads. God loves us unconditionally and we do not make time for him.

- We would be nothing without God
- We think we can do it without God, but we can't
- Everyone is so busy only worried about their own life.
- They obeyed the Voice of God and Haggai
- People fear the presence of the Lord.
- As they heard the word, they corrected themselves on the spot
- Legalistic remorse says, "I broke God's rules," while real repentance says, "I broke God's heart." -Tim Keller
- God wants to be there to walk through it with you and cares so much that He died for us.
- When we realize that we break God's heart by not putting Him first, our heart breaks too.

Haggai 1:13

- We need to value each other and the relationships that matter. I would rather be happy in a "hoopty" than miserable in a Mercedes.
- If Christ is on the inside of me, then I will be ok.
- As long as God is with us we can get to the other side.
- When the heaviness lifts, the Joy comes back

Haggai 1:14

- They did not just talk about it, they went about it and each of us can do the same.