

Living in Obedience and Holiness.

Haggai 2v10-19

A WORD COMES TO THE PEOPLE V14

On 24th day of 9th month. They had been working on the temple for about 3 months and it was over 2 months since the last message of God', a message to encourage. Were things happening that should not be? Attitudes?

A QUESTION COMES TO THE PRIESTS V11-13

The first question is about holy meat, meat which had been consecrated for the offering. If it should brush against other things does that mean that the thing that is touched is also made holy? The answer is no.

The second is the exact opposite – if something unclean comes into contact with say this holy meat would the meat be considered unholy or unclean? Of course the answer is yes!

A CHALLENGE COMES FROM GOD. V14

So it is with this people...' They were unclean by their interests and actions and so they were rendering everything that they touched unclean. God wanted them to know that it was not about a building but about their relationship with God...

God tells them that because they were unwilling to be obedient he had actually prevented them from success. He challenges them to consider this, v15-17 No prosperity or fruitfulness because of their disobedience and attitudes. This was the cause of the failure.

A BLESSING CAN COME FROM THAT DAY FORWARD. V18-19

No real success, no real progress – now the reason is clear. Away in heart from him; no submission to God's will in their daily lives; no holiness of life. But if they repent and turn to God, 'from this day...'

Our submission and obedience must become a lifestyle lived out each new day... This is how the house would be built...