

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

Consider The Destination Of What You Build

I. Tonight I want to share with you the Destination of what we build, the outcome of our faith, or the purpose for building.

A. Haggai is not only a book that calls back the people to the place where they can get blessed, but also to the place where they can start blessing.

1. Not only to the place to where the glory comes in, but also the place where the water flows out.

2. It's the place where we freely receive and the place where we freely give.

B. Haggai 2:18-23 - In this passage the prophet is trying to adjust the people's motive for building. That they wouldn't build to have a place of blessing, but that they would build to be a place of blessing.

1. Verse 19 - states some facts:

- **That the seed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree were in the barn where they bore no fruit.**
- There was no fruit because these things can't flourish in the barn. They flourish in the field.
- **These things weren't for displaying but for dispensing.**

2. Verses 20-23 - When we get the blessing out in the field, it will overthrow the kingdom of darkness and establish the kingdom of God. We will be a signet ring to the nations where God's people make decrees to the world and not the world to us.

C. Like the prophet Haggai - I want to adjust your motive for building.

1. You don't build to receive but to give.

2. Your destination should not be to have a place of blessing but to be a place of blessing.

3. Your relationship with God is where you reap the blessing, but then you have the responsibility of sowing the blessing.

4. The gospels are about what Jesus did with blessing He received. The book of Acts is all about what the Church did with the blessing.

5. We need a turning of the tide - Matthew 5:8 & John 7:37-38
6. **John 10:10 - Abundance happens in the giving not the receiving. Psalm 61:6**
7. My premise for all that I am saying is this “*If you become like He is and do what He does, you will get what He has.*”

D. 2Peter 1:4 - The promises of God are given so that you can partake if the nature of God.

1. Matthew 5:7, *Promise of mercy - nature of merciful.*
Matthew 6:14, *Promise of forgiveness - nature of forgiving.*
2 Corinthians 1:3-4, *Promise of comfort - nature of comforter.*
2 Corinthians 9:11, *Promise of riches - nature of generous.*
2. The Lord wants to teach us that becoming like He is and doing what He does is better than what He has.
3. **You escape the corruption that is in this world through lust not by having more but by being more.**

E. 2 Corinthians 9:10 - This passage is talks about both seed and bread.

1. **What is some of the seed that the Lord will supply and how is it multiplied and then how does it cause an increase in your harvest.**
 - The seed is anything that the Lord blesses you with. Mercy - grace - friendship - etc
 - **It's multiplied back to you when you sow it into the Kingdom - Luke 6:38**
 - Luke 16:10 - He who is faithful with one seed will be faithful with many seeds.
 - **Faithfulness is determined by not only how you use what God has given you for you but how to you use what God has given you for others.**
2. You will be supplied with an abundance of seed if you grasp the fact that everything that comes to you was designed to go out from you. John 13:1-4

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