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KINGDOM PRIORITIES

Haggai 1:1-15

Passage in a Sentence: If we are prioritizing our own kingdoms over the Lord's and our own preservation over His purposes, let us pray He will graciously confront our rebellion and lead us to repent by reorienting our hearts to His.

- I. **Because we are all prone to prioritize our own prosperity over the Lord's purposes, God graciously confronts our religious and selfish hogwash. (Haggai 1:1-4)**
 - a. Derailed obedience. (Ezra 1-4)
 - b. God sends a Word. (Haggai 1:1-4)
 - c. Delayed obedience.
 - d. Why is it a big deal to God?
 - i. God is not wanting them to build a temple because He is homeless. It's about His presence, His pleasure, and His glory. He wants His presence and worship to be important to them.

- II. **In confronting our rebellion, the Lord calls us to consider the consequences of our actions (Haggai 1:5-11)**
 - a. If you stop working for God, don't be surprised when nothing works for you.
 - i. When our own agenda is our priority, we shouldn't expect God's abundant provision.
 - b. Those who put their prosperity above God's purposes are blind to God's chastening hand.
 - c. Those who put their prosperity above God's purposes never get what they're pursuing.



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- III. Through God's message delivered by His messenger, God leads us to repentance fueled by a reorienting of our view of Him. (Haggai 1:12-13)**
- a. God's kindness leads us to repentance.
 - b. God's people.
 - i. Leaders who repent.
 - ii. Messengers who bring the message.
 - iii. All of the remnant receives His message and repents.
 - c. God's proper place in our lives - the people feared the Lord.
 - i. The repentance was due to a reorienting around the nature and character of God.
 - 1. They began to consider who He is and how they should regard His words.
 - ii. Fear.
 - 1. Submission to God's authority.
 - 2. Awe of God's power and might.
 - d. God's presence
 - i. I am with you.
 - 1. A promise which leads to:
 - a. comfort
 - b. confidence
- IV. All He expects from us, God provides for us through Christ. (Haggai 1:14-15)**
- a. God's provision.
 - i. He stirred up their spirits.
 - b. God's power.
 - i. They came and worked.
 - ii. They faced opposition. (Ezra 5)
 - iii. But God provided and the temple was completed. (Ezra 6)
 - c. God's praise. (Ezra 6:22)