



Connection Group Participant Guide

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Haggai 2:10-23

Teaching Point 1. From this day on I will bless you (v. 19) – What a great promise! The people had straightened out their priorities and God promised to “shift the wind in their favor” so to speak. He would now work providentially on their behalf rather than against them.

Application: If you obey God, He will bless you. The form that the blessings take could be different now than in the Old Testament. In Old Testament times, God blessed the Israelites materially. Blessings were often physical blessings. These tangibly showed neighboring nations the results when God’s people served Him and attracted them to the Lord. Now we are under the New Covenant. And blessings are generally spiritual. God can and does bless His people financially or health-wise, but this is not promised, and a lack of material blessings is not an indicator of God’s displeasure now like it was in the Old Testament.

Teaching Point 2. God has chosen you (v. 23) - It is a wonderful thing to be chosen by God. You are also chosen by Him. As He had a plan for Zerubbabel and his future (a plan that may have looked bleak at times), He also has a plan for you. His plan is for your welfare, to give you a hope and a future! (Jeremiah 29:17). Our life is secure in Him. Our hope is secure in Him. Our salvation is secure in Him. He has chosen you. He will not change His mind and He will not cast you out. His love endures forever.

Application: We see with the Jews in the time of Haggai that God is patient and longsuffering. For sixteen years they followed their own pursuits, and He still forgave them and accepted them again. In like manner, He will never abandon you. The remnant being allowed to return to Jerusalem after the captivity had a second chance. And when they returned, they went back to pursuing their own things, once again proving faithless. So God gave them a third chance. Thank the Lord for His forgiveness and grace. Thank the Lord for His patience with us even when we go off of the path again and again. In the book of Haggai, we are reminded that God is a God of second, and even third, chances.