

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Major Lessons from Minor Prophets – Part 10

First Things First (Haggai)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Seek the LORD and Live! –Major Lessons from Minor Prophets. Our topic today: First Things First (Haggai)

New Scripture Song: “Seek the LORD while He may be found” – Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer

- 1) Preoccupation with self
 - a) Haggai 1:1-11
 - b) Setting: the exiles have returned from Babylon
 - c) What reproof does Haggai bring to Zerubbabel the governor of Judah and Joshua the high priest?
 - d) What causes people to become preoccupied with their own comforts and forget the work of God?
 - e) What was the consequence of their disregard for the work God had given to them? Lev 26:20
 - f) How does this reproof relate to us today?
 - 2) Responding to God’s appeal
 - a) Haggai 1:12-14
 - b) Ezra 3:1-6 – Why do you think they built the altar first?
 - c) In less than 5 years the temple is complete.
 - d) What work would we be doing if we responded to the earnest appeal of Jesus today? Luke 10:2; Mark 16:15
 - e) Why is the message of Haggai 1:13 so meaningful for our lives today?
 - f) How can we be assured of God’s presence?
 - i) Luke 11:13; John 14:15-18
- 3) Finding courage as we trust in God
 - a) Haggai 2:1-5
 - b) Joshua 1:5-9
 - c) Isaiah 41:10
 - d) Have you ever felt discouraged when God’s glory is not as apparent as you would like? What lesson can we learn from this story?
 - e) Why is the assurance of God’s presence by His Spirit more important than glorious manifestations?
 - 4) The Desire of All Nations
 - a) Haggai 2:6-9
 - b) When was this promise fulfilled? John 2:13-17; Matthew 21:12-17
 - c) Hebrews 8:1-5 Why is it important to remember that Jesus is ministering right now in the heavenly sanctuary?
 - d) Jesus came to His temple during His earthly ministry. What are your thoughts about seeing Jesus when He returns to earth at the completion of His ministry in the heavenly sanctuary?
 - i) Rev 19:11-16; 2 Peter 3:10-13
 - e) Haggai 2:23 What evidence do we have that the Lord has also chosen us? John 15:9-16