

HAGGAI 1; July 15; Consider Your Ways = Reset Priorities

ANALYSIS:

1. What were the Jews, who had returned from the 70 years captivity, saying about rebuilding the temple? _____
2. What had the returned people been building? _____
3. Because of neglecting to rebuild the LORD'S house, how prosperous and satisfied were they? _____
4. Because the LORD'S house had been neglected, what had the LORD done regarding the weather? _____
5. When the LORD challenged the rulers and people to "Consider your ways," what was their response? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The challenge, "Consider your ways," was the LORD'S call for the rulers and people in general, who had returned to Jerusalem from 70 years captivity, to face their misplaced priorities. As they responded favorably to obey the LORD, they resumed work on the temple in about three weeks. Then the LORD sent them the very comforting message, "I am with you," since they faced the opposition of enemies.

Many duties you and I face require us to set priorities in order to honor and exalt the LORD. Daily Bible reading, prayer, serving others, being on time, keeping promises, etc, call for us to give definite time and make plans to please the LORD.

What particular responsibility have you let slip? When will you "consider your ways" and reset your priorities? Will you do it now?! Write down your pledge and/or ask a trusted friend to help you by checking on your fulfillment.

HELP:

1. The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built (v 2).
2. They were building their own cieled [covered, paneled, roofed] houses (v 4).
3. They sowed much but reaped little, ate and drank but not satisfied, dressed by were still cold, earned wages but lost them (v 6).
4. No dew, no fruit, a drought upon all their farming labors (vs 10-11).
5. The people obeyed the voice of the LORD (v 12), and came to work in the house of the LORD (v 14).