

MAKE ROOM FOR GRACE

A STUDY OF THE
BOOK OF HAGGAI



PRAYING

FOR

OTHERS

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your worship guide.
- Our Eighth Grade class
- Our small group led by Andrew and Susan Temple
- Our North Katy Campus
- Neighboring brothers and sisters at St. Faustina Catholic Church
- The Raj*put of India

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

“For My House Shall Be Called A House Of Prayer For All Nations.” Isaiah 56:7

Prayer Ministry Open House – Today after each service in the Prayer Center

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**“Make Room for Sanctification” – Haggai 2:10-19
October 22, 2023**

Fall Sermon Series

MAKE ROOM FOR GRACE <i>A Study of the Book of Haggai</i>		
Date	Message Title	Bible Text
Oct 1	Make Room for God’s House	Haggai 1:1-8
Oct 8	Make Room for Obedience	Haggai 1:9-15
Oct 15	Make Room for God’s Glory	Haggai 2:1-9
Oct 22	Make Room for Sanctification	Haggai 2:10-19
Oct 29	Make Room for the Future	Haggai 2:20-23

When God Tells You to Do Something

- Jim’s leaky roof story (September 5, 2003)
- Question: What is something that God has told you to do lately?

Play with my kids	Take my wife on a date	Stay married
Stop sleeping together	Eliminate debt (FPU)	Forgive that person
Go to counseling	Bible reading plan	Exercise
Eat healthy	Practice Sabbath	Tithe
Volunteer	Do that honey-do	

What God Had Told the Jewish People in Do (520 BC)

- God had told the Jewish people to build a temple in Jerusalem.
- After 70 years of captivity in Babylon, a remnant of the Jewish people returned to Jerusalem. God told them that the first thing He wanted them to do was to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (Ezra 1:1-4).
- They began rebuilding by laying the foundation of the temple in the Spring of 535 BC (Ezra 3:8-10). But opposition from bad guys caused them to stop their rebuilding of the temple (Ezra 4:24). Fifteen years went by with no work on the temple. Then Haggai prophesied, and they started rebuilding the temple (Ezra 5:1-2). The Book of Haggai contains the prophesies that led to this rebuilding.
- They started re-rebuilding on September 21, 520 BC (Haggai 1:15). On October 17, 520 BC, the prophet Haggai spoke an additional message (Haggai 2:1-9). Then on December 18, 520 BC, Haggai spoke yet another message (Haggai 2:10-19).

Summary of Haggai 2:10-19

Your economy has suffered because of your disobedience in not rebuilding the temple. But because you have been rebuilding for 3 months now, I will bless you. Keep obeying and rebuilding. I am sanctifying you.

Three Motivations to Obey God's Promptings (Haggai 2:10-19)

1. Consider the consequences of _____ (2:15-19)

- Three times in this paragraph Haggai says "Consider" (2:15,18,18) for a total of five times in the whole short book (1:5,7; 2:15,18,18).
- The Hebrew word for "consider" literally translates "I beg you! Determine in your mind and heart!" or "Give careful thought to!"
- Haggai is saying: "Give careful thought to why your economy has been so poor! It is because of your disobedience to the Mosaic covenant and your disobedience to God's command to rebuild the temple."
- Note: We talked in detail about the differences between the old covenant and the new covenant during the October 1 message on Haggai 1:1-8 including discussions of the false "prosperity gospel."
- In both the old and new covenants, there are consequences for disobedience.
- **Galatians 6:7-8** – *Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*
- **Application #1** – Is there any area of my life where I am disobeying God? Lord, I repent of...

2. Consider what Christ has _____ (2:11-14)

- Haggai asked the priests two technical questions about holiness and ceremonial cleanness (sanctification):
 - **Question #1:** If a person is carrying a holy meat sacrifice, can he transfer that holiness to whatever it touches?
Answer #1: No. Holiness does not transfer.
 - **Question #2:** If a person is defiled by touching a dead corpse, can he transfer that defilement to other things he touches?
Answer #2: Yes. Defilement transfers. (Numbers 19:11-13)
- Analogy: Health is NOT contagious – it cannot be transferred. Disease IS contagious – it can be transferred.
- **The point:** In the same way that health is not contagious, but disease is contagious, holiness (sanctification) cannot be transferred but defilement can. The disobedience of the Jewish people was like the touching of a dead corpse, and it was contaminating ALL the Jewish returning exiles in Jerusalem: "All of you are defiled!"
- **The Bad News:** All of us here at Grace Fellowship are defiled by our own sins and the sins of our parents going all the way back to Adam and Eve.
- **Romans 3:23** – *For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*
- **Romans 6:23** – *The wages of sin are death.*

- **Romans 5:12** (NLT) – *When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.*
- **The Good News:** God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die in our place paying the penalty for our sins and to rise from the dead so that we can have eternal life in heaven (justification) and new life here on earth (sanctification).
- Contrary to the old covenant, in the new covenant God DOES transfer His holiness (righteousness) to us who believe.
- **Romans 5:1** – *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** (NIV) – *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- **Hebrews 10:14** (NIV) – *By one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*
- **2 Corinthians 3:18** - *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*
- Rick Warren: “Christlikeness is not produced by imitation, but by inhabitation. We allow Christ to live through us.”
- Understanding justification and sanctification

Justification	Sanctification
Being declared right with God (justified) for eternity through faith in Jesus	Becoming more and more like Jesus (sanctified) now through faith in Christ
Imputed righteousness – the righteousness of Jesus credited to believers	Imparted righteousness – right living empowered by the Holy Spirit dwelling inside a believer
Our position in Christ	Our condition in our daily living

- Miles Stanford (*The Complete Green Letters*): “All spiritual life and growth is based upon the principle of position. **Our position**, the source of our Christian life, is perfect. When we received the Lord Jesus as our personal Savior, the Holy Spirit caused us to be born into Him. He created us anew in the position that was established through Christ’s work on the cross. We are a new creation. This is the eternal position in which every believer has been placed, whether he is aware of it or not. **Our condition** is what we are in our Christian walk, in which we develop from infancy to maturity. Although our position remains unchangeable, our condition is variable. Through the exercise of faith, our eternal position affects our daily condition, but in no way does our condition affect that heavenly position. If the believer does not know of his position in the Lord Jesus, and how to abide in Him as his very life, there will be but one result. He will struggle in his un-Christ-like condition rather than rest in his Christ-centered position.”
- **Application #2** – I believe, and I receive. I believe that Jesus died on the cross in my place taking the penalty for my sins upon

Himself. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead. I receive Jesus into my life. I receive His exchange of my sins for His righteousness. I receive His imputed righteousness. And now I rest in my position in Him – I am righteous and holy in Him. Holy Spirit of Christ, I invite You to live the holy life of Christ in and through me. Jesus, I abide in You.

- Neil Anderson: “Because you are in Christ, you are completely forgiven of all of your sins, you are righteous, and you are a child of God. This is completely true of you, and there is nothing you can do to make it more true. But you can make these traits more meaningful and productive in your life by simply choosing to believe what God has said about you. One of the greatest ways to help yourself grow into maturity in Christ is to continually remind yourself who you are in Him.”

3. **Receive** _____ (2:19c)

- John Ortberg: “Blessing is the projection of goodness into the life of another.”
- God says in Haggai 2:19: “From this day on I will bless you.”
- Application #3 – Receive that blessing for yourself, your family, and your church.
- Application #3a – Lord, I receive Your blessing for my life. I receive your goodness for my life. I receive Your abundant life promised in John 10:10. I receive Your blessing.
- Application #3b – Speak God’s blessing into your family members and friends and those you encounter: “The Lord bless you.”
- Application #3c – I receive God’s blessing for my church.

God has given your church a dream called “Make Room for Grace” – the dream of making room for 1000 new people by...

- Building a permanent home for our North Katy Campus
- Building a discipleship building on our Cinco Ranch Campus
- Providing seed money for the launching of a (future) 3rd campus.

We are trusting God to provide \$16 million to do these three projects through His people turning in faith commitment cards next Sunday morning, October 29, during the worship services.

My Application Today – In light of Haggai 2:10-19, I choose to...

- Repent of my disobedience in this area of my life....
- Believe and receive Jesus Christ.
- Rest in my position in Christ. I am righteous in Christ. I am holy in Christ. Spirit of Christ, please live your righteousness and holiness out in my daily life.
- Receive Haggai 2:19 – “From this day on I will bless you.”
- Bless others as a lifestyle: “The Lord bless you!”
- Trust God to bless my church by turning in my faith commitment card next Sunday in order to Make Room for Grace.



SUNDAY

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Faith
COMMITMENT
SUNDAY

CINCO RANCH CAMPUS

8:45 AND 10:45AM

NORTH KATY CAMPUS

9AM SPANISH
10:45AM ENGLISH

Bring your faith commitment card and together by faith
we will lay them at the altar

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for
MAKE ROOM FOR GRACE

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Join the corporate reading of the book of Haggai every Wednesday in October 6-7p in the Prayer Center.

