

God's promises are for His glory

Haggai 2:1-9

- I. God promised His presence if the people work bravely and diligently (Haggai 2:1-5).
 - A. God's pep talk – God encouraged the people as the temple project resumes (2:1-2).
 - B. Appearances – Don't worry about how glorious the temple looks compared to Solomon's (2:3).
 - Just serve and don't compare ministries.
 - C. Opposition – Don't worry about your enemies because God is with you (2:4).
 - Just be brave and trust God with any opposition.
 - D. God's resources – God promised the power of the Holy Spirit (2:5).
 - Ministry is effective only through the Spirit.

- II. God promised He will bring glory to the temple they are rebuilding (Haggai 2:6-9).
 - A. *Shake* – God controls all and would make foreigners provide money (2:6-7; Ezra 6:3-5, 8).
 - B. *Mine* – God owns the wealth of the world (2:8).
 - God provides financially when He is at work spiritually.
 - C. *Greater glory* – This temple would have greater glory than Solomon's temple because Jesus would enter it (2:9a; Luke 11:31).
 - No glory compares to Christ.
 - D. *Peace* – God would bring peace through Christ at the temple site (2:9b; Isaiah 9:6-7; Ezekiel 37:26; Ezekiel 40-48).
 - There is no true peace apart from Christ.