

A PROPHET'S BLUNT MESSAGE

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We don't often read from Haggai. It seems out of date.

He has a message for God's people. God's house is in ruins. It needs rebuilding but they do nothing about it.

You live in sealed houses, content with your lot, but God's house is in ruins.

God's judgment will be upon them. The seasons will fail and the cattle will die.

We do not have recorded the result of the prophecy. Maybe Haggai's warning was enough to stir the people into action.

But there is still a strong message for the church of today.

We have inherited our local churches because of the sacrifice and labours of many before us.

Look around your church, give thanks, and see what you can suggest to maintain and build upon God's house for today and tomorrow. Pray and act.

Except the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it. (Psalm 127:1)

Reflection:

Read the whole of Haggai, only two chapters.

A commentary would give context, but the message is clear enough.

Next Sunday, look around and see if anything needs doing and act.

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