

Series: The Minor Prophets

Lesson: 44. Haggai, pt. 3 – Things Are Changing

Passage: Hag. 2:10–23

- **The First Message: From Defilement to _____ (vv10–19)**
 - The principle behind the priests' ruling: The holy can sanctify what it directly touches (cf. Lev. 6:18, 27; Ezek. 29:37; 30:29), but the unclean spreads defilement.

 - The Israelites' sin in not rebuilding the temple had made every work they did _____ to God.

Is. 1:10–17 – Hear the word of the Lord,

You rulers of Sodom;

Give ear to the instruction of our God,

You people of Gomorrah.

*¹¹**“What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?”***

Says the Lord.

***“I have had enough** of burnt offerings of rams*

And the fat of fed cattle;

***And I take no pleasure** in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats.*

¹²When you come to appear before Me,

Who requires of you this trampling of My courts?

*¹³Bring your **worthless offerings** no longer,*

*Incense is an **abomination** to Me.*

New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—

I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.

*¹⁴I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts,
They have become a **burden** to Me;
I am **weary** of bearing them.*

*¹⁵So when you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will hide My eyes from you;
Yes, even though you multiply prayers,
I will not listen.*

Your hands are covered with blood.

*¹⁶“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.*

Cease to do evil,

¹⁷Learn to do good;

Seek justice,

Reprove the ruthless,

Defend the orphan,

Plead for the widow.

*Zech. 7:1–10 – In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev. ²Now the town of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regemmelech and their men to seek the favor of the Lord, ³speaking to the priests who belong to the house of the Lord of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, “Shall I weep in the fifth month and abstain, as I have done these many years?” ⁴Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, ⁵“Say to all the people of the land and to the priests, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months these seventy years, **was it actually for Me that you fasted?** ⁶When you eat and drink, **do you not eat for yourselves and do you not drink for yourselves?** ⁷Are not these the words which the Lord proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous along with its cities around it, and the Negev and the foothills were inhabited?’ ” ⁸Then the word of the Lord came to Zechariah saying, ⁹“Thus has the Lord of hosts*

said, 'Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother;¹⁰ and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.'"

Matt. 5:21–24 – “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not commit murder’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.²³ Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ **leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.**

- God revisits their punishment to teach them that His chastisement is ultimately based on His _____.
- God doesn't remove all grace every time we sin, but He won't be _____ us in any special way while we continue in it.
- God's care for His people is most obvious when they are in His will.
- They were too defiled to please God; only God could cleanse them to be fit for service again.

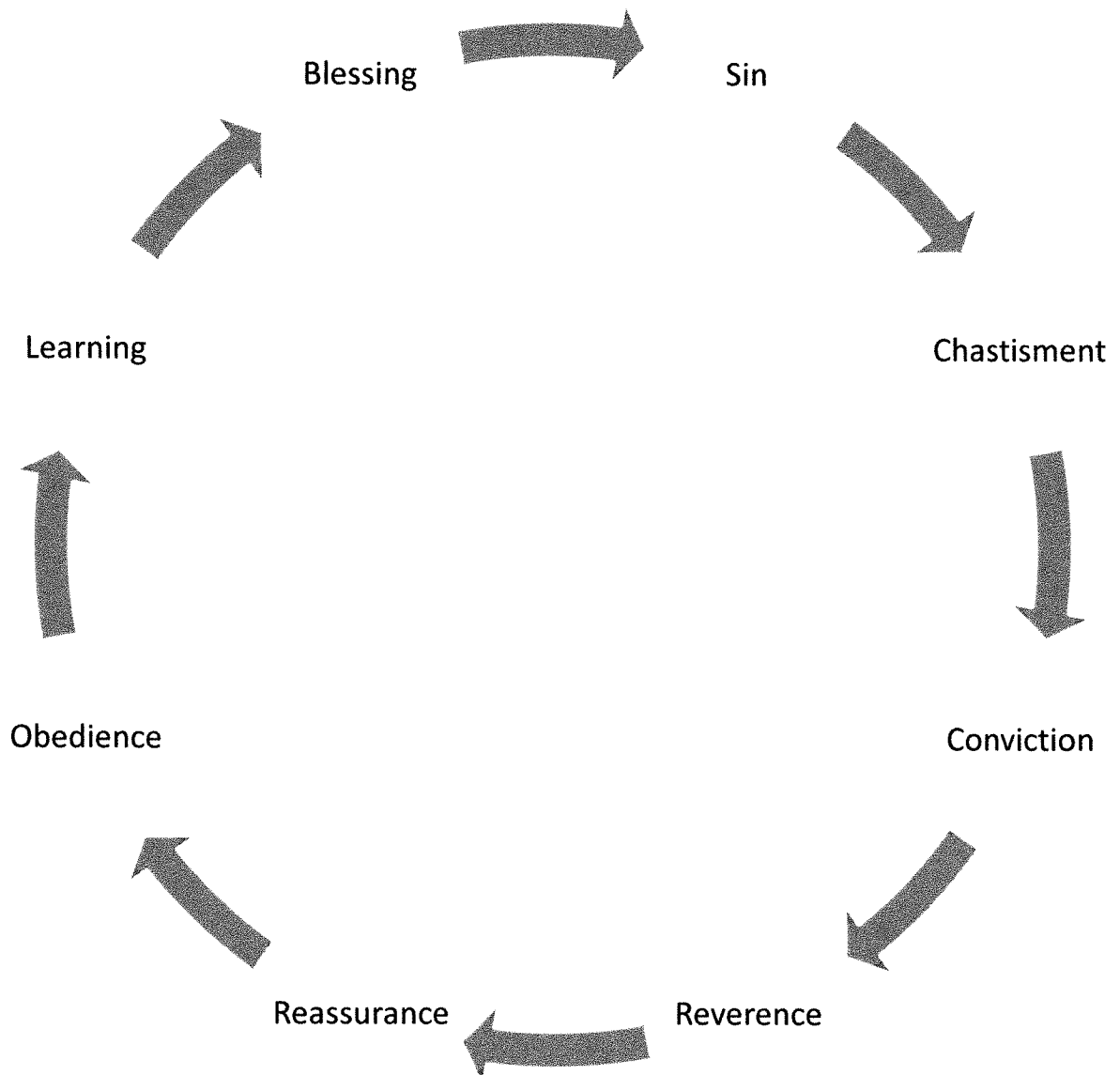
- **The Second Message: Restoring _____ Line (vv20–23)**
 - God expounds on shaking the nations (cf. Heb. 12:27) by explaining that it will result in the destruction of earthly powers at each other's hand (cf. Ezek. 38:21; Zech. 12:2–9).
 - Zerubbabel is a stand-in for his Descendant, _____ (cp. Ezek. 34:23–24; Mal. 4:5–6).
 - God is saying that the Day of the Lord will be when his Descendant will assume the Davidic role as God's representative king on earth.
 - Calling Him a signet ring is saying He will rule with the full _____ of God Himself.
 - This is undoing the curse against Jeconiah:

*Jer. 22:24–27 – “As I live,” declares the Lord, “even though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were **a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off;** ²⁵and I will give you over into the hand of those who are seeking your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans. ²⁶I will hurl you and your mother who bore you into another country where you were not born, and there you will die. ²⁷But as for the land to which they desire to return, they will not return to it.*

What Do We Do with This Text?

1. We can rest assured that God's chastisement *ultimately* gives way to _____ for His people.

2. The full cycle of _____ in Haggai:



3. God's messages to His people are backed by His sovereign _____.

4. God cares about His _____.

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