

# Hebrews 11

## HAGGAI

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<b>Time of Haggai:</b>	a. <i>Haggai prophesies after the 70 years of Israel's captivity. (About 520 B.C)</i> - <i>Zechariah and Malachi were two other prophets who prophesied after the 70 year exile.</i>
<b>The Setting:</b>	b. <i>The Temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed in 586 B.C.</i> - <i>King Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to their homeland and rebuild their Temple in 538 B.C.</i> - <i>They began the work, but did not complete it.</i>
<b>The Purpose:</b>	c. <i>God calls Haggai to Prophesy warning the people of God to finish the building of His house.</i>
<b>Haggai's account is Found:</b>	d. <i>Haggai 1-2 and the book of Ezra.</i>
<b>Strength:</b>	e. <i>Haggai simply does what he is told without question.</i>
<b>Lessons From Haggai's Life:</b>	f. <i>Haggai lives by Faith by obeying the voice of the Lord.</i>
<b>Memory Verse:</b>	g. <i>Haggai 1:8, Matthew 6:33</i>

# **INTRODUCTION**

**Hebrews 11:32** “And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, **and of the prophets:**”

1. The Hebrews writer set the prophets to be examples of Faith. Tonight we will look at the Prophet “Haggai”.
  - a. There is a brief description of the life and ministry of Haggai. Ezra mentions his name a few times.
  - b. Haggai ministered and prophesied after the 70 years of Israel’s captivity. This was around 520 B.C.
  - c. Haggai is called by God to Preach, Prophecy and Warn the people of God to finish the building of His house.
    - Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians. Therefore, the Temple of God was destroyed and the wall surrounding the temple was destroyed.
    - When the Babylonians were conquered by the Persians, King Cyrus permitted the Jews to return to their homeland and rebuild their Temple in 538 B.C.
    - **Note:** This was prophesied by Jeremiah.
2. The description of the Jew’s return home to build the Temple is found in the book of Ezra.

<p>a. There were a number of committed Israelites that were led to Jerusalem by Joshua – the high priest, and Zerubbabel –the governor of Judah.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The total of the returning remnant was about 50,000—a small fraction of those who had been carried away. In Ezra Chapter 2 we find the record of the remnant that returned to Jerusalem.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ezra 1:1-2</b> “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, (2) Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Ezra (3) Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.”</p>
<p>b. The Israelites that stayed back and did not go were ordered by the King to give freely to the Work of God.</p>	<p><b>Ezra 1:4</b> “And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.”</p>

<p>c. The people of God were excited and had a mind to work, hands that were strengthened, and hearts that were stirred-up by God.</p>	<p><i><b>Ezra 1:5-6</b> “Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. (6) And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered.”</i></p>
<p>d. <u>The Building Begins</u></p> <p>1) The Altar is built.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first thing that the People of God began to repair and build was the altar of the Temple, which was done about 537 B.C.</li> </ul>	<p><i><b>Ezra 3:1-2</b> “And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. (2) Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.”</i></p> <p><i><b>Ezra 3:6</b> “From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. <u>But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.</u>”</i></p>
<p>2) The Foundation is laid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secondly, the people of God began to build the foundation, and then the people rejoiced.</li> </ul>	<p><i><b>Ezra 3:10-11</b> “And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. (11) And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.”</i></p>

<p>3) The Work is hindered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When the enemies of Israel heard that the Temple was being rebuilt, they asked if they could help them, which was a weird request. However, Zerubbabel and the elders did not allow them to help build the temple. Ezra 4:1-3.</li> <li>- Israel's enemies began to discourage them and frustrate the work. So, Israel's hands began to weaken.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ezra 4:4</b> <i>“Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, vs 5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.”</i></p>
<p>4) Judah and Benjamin are accused.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By this time there is another King of Persia – King Artaxerxes.</li> <li>- Israel's enemies (Samaritans) sent a letter of accusation to the King saying that the Israelites were planning to rebel and would not pay tribute or taxes.</li> </ul>	<p>- <b>Ezra 4:7-16</b></p>
<p>5) The King commands the work to stop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The King sends a letter back to Israel's enemies giving the authority to command the people of God to stop building the Temple.</li> <li>- Their enemies forcefully make the Jews stop the Work.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ezra 4:21</b> <i>“Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me.”</i></p> <p><b>Ezra 4:23</b> <i>“Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.”</i></p>
<p>6) The Building of the Temple stops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For sixteen years, from about 536 B.C. to 520 B.C., the work on rebuilding was stopped.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ezra 4:24</b> <i>“Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.”</i></p>

<p>7) The Prophets of God are raised up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Haggai and Zachariah are sent to prophesy unto the Jews.</li> <li>- That would have been something, two Prophets tag-team preaching to help God’s people. (By the way, all preaching is to help God’s people and not to hurt them.)</li> <li>- The main thrust of Haggai’s ministry was to prophesy and preach that which the Lord command him to do.</li> <li>- There were four different incidents in which Haggai went forth to deliver God’s message to God’s people.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Ezra 5:1 “Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them.”</i></p>
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In this subject (By Faith Haggai) we will look at TWO things:

A. The Preaching by Faith

B. The Practice by Faith (Ezra 5:2)

## **A. The Preaching by Faith – Chapter 1**

### **1. The ARTICULATE MESSAGES**

- Haggai’s messages to the people of God were clear, concise, and communicative.
- You could not miss the messages that Haggai preached.
- Haggai preached four different messages at four different times, in the space of three months.

#### **a. FIRST PROPHECY – A CALL TO REVIVE THE WORK**

1ST DAY OF 6TH MONTH (Chap. 1)

## 1) The Conflict of Interest

- Haggai confronts God's people for neglecting the rebuilding of the Temple (1:1-4)
- For about 14 years the house of God was neglected. They had misplaced priorities.

*Haggai 1:1-4 "In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, (2) Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built. (3) Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, (4) Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?"*

- **This people say "the time is not come..."**
- One of their excuses was, "It is not the right time, or it is not the will of God right now."

*A man of God said "The people made their excuse sound spiritual. They couldn't speak against the idea of building the temple, so they spoke against its timing. "It isn't God's timing to rebuild the temple."*

- This is a common excuse in our day today... People say they will serve God as soon as they finish doing what they want to do.
- **Note:** The People of God started well, but after two years they gave up. They gave in to the request of the King (Motived by Israel's Enemies), and started to focus on their own affairs.

*Acts 5:27-29 "And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, (28) Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. (29) Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."*

- ❖ I remember when I first become a Christian, I was on fire; the Lord got a hold of me and lit me up. A few people in the church saw it and said, "I'll give him two years and he will fizzle out". I overheard and cried out to the Lord. He heard my cry, and by His grace, fifteen years later the Lord has continued to put a fire in my bones.

*1 Timothy 6:12* “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

- **Notice the Lord’s response**

*Haggai 1:3* “Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, (4) *Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?*”

- In essence the Lord is saying, “You’ve said it’s not time to build the Lord’s House, but you have time to build your own?” WOW!!! What a rebuke!
- They sit comfortably in their own house, but the house of God is left desolate.

## 2) The Call to Consider

- Failure to rebuild God’s house results in dissatisfaction, waste and want.
- (1:5-7)

*Haggai 1:5-7* “Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. (6) *Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.* (7) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

### **CONSIDER – CONSIDER – CONSIDER**

Here the LORD uses five poetic contrasts:

- *Ye have sown much, and bring in little;* = **Displeased**, Not Profitable
- *ye eat, but ye have not enough;* = **Disappointed**, Hunger Pains
- *ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink;* = **Dissatisfied**
- *ye clothe you, but there is none warm;* = **Discontent**
- *and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.* = **Disillusion**, Working Hard for Nothing!

- This was Solomon's Conclusion

*Ecclesiastes 1:2 "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity."*

- The only work that is not in VAIN is the LORD'S work!

*1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

- VERSE 1:9-11

- God makes it very clear that He was responsible for frustrating their personal endeavors.

*Haggai 1:9-11 "Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. (10) Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. (11) And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands."*

- "And ye run every man unto his own house" indicates the zeal, passion and heart they put into their own interests and building their own homes.
- It is amazing to see how diligent people can be toward their own interests, but when it comes to the things of God it is done in a half-hearted manner.
- God's people will never prosper when they put God second. NEVER!

*Matthew 6:19-21 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: (20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: (21) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

**Matthew 6:24** “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

**Matthew 6:33** “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

### 3) A Command to Build

**Haggai 1:8** “Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.”

- This is a Call to Labour and Work!
- God is looking for Workers and Labourers in His harvest field.
- As NEW TESTIMAMENT Believers we have been given a mandate.

**Matthew 28:19-20** “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

When David Livingstone was called to be a missionary and wanted to bring Jesus to Africa they told him, “Young man, when God sees fit to evangelize Africa He will do it without your help.”

- Excuse me, God desires to use us to do His Work, to work together with God. What a Privilege!

**1 Corinthians 3:9** “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.”

- Notice the common excuses to not responding to the command of the Lord. **Turn to: Luke 14:16-24**

**Vernon McGee** *“My friend, if you are not ready to go to work for the Lord, if you are not willing to do what God wants you to do—whatever that might be—Bible study is really not going to help you very much. God believes in work, and the message of this little Book of Haggai is the gospel of work.”*

**Jesus Christ** *“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”* –  
- John 9:4

#### **4) The Command is obeyed**

- Notice verse 12, The People of God Obeyed!

**Haggai 1:12** *“Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.”*

#### **5) The Comfort of God**

- Twenty-four days later the LORD encourages and reassures the people of God that He will be with them.

**Haggai 1:13-15** *“Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD. (14) And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, (15) In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.*

## b. SECOND PROPHECY, A CALL TO REVIVE THE WORKERS

—21ST DAY OF 7TH MONTH (2:1-9)

### 1) A Call to BE STRONG

- The Prophet Again Encouraged the People with Assurance of the Lord's Presence.
- Three times the LORD encourages His people to “BE STRONG”.
- There were seniors among the remnant that lived in the day of Solomon’s Temple, and now lived to see the destroyed Temple rebuilt.
- They were discouraged when they compared the work between the two Temples.

*Haggai 2:1-5 “In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, (2) Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, (3) Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? (4) Yet now **be strong**, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and **be strong**, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and **be strong**, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: (5) According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.”*

- When we compare our days with the days of the early church, or even the Great Awakening, we will be greatly discouraged.
- **WE ARE NOT CALLED TO COMPARE!**
- Comparing only brings discouragement

*A.W. Tozer suggested this prayer regarding our tendency to compare and compete:*

*“Dear Lord, I refuse henceforth to compete with any of Thy servants. They have congregations larger than mine. So be it. I rejoice in their success. They have greater gifts. Very well. That is not in their power nor in mine. I am humbly grateful for their greater gifts and my smaller ones. I only pray that I may use to Thy glory such modest gifts as I possess. I will not*

*compare myself with any, nor try to build up my self-esteem by noting where I may excel one or another in Thy holy work. I herewith make a blanket disavowal of all intrinsic worth. I am but an unprofitable servant. I gladly go to the foot of the cross and own myself the least of Thy people. If I err in my self-judgment and actually underestimate myself I do not want to know it. I purpose to pray for others and to rejoice in their prosperity as if it were my own. And indeed it is my own if it is Thine own, for what is Thine is mine, and while one plants and another waters it is Thou alone that giveth the increase.” (A.W. Tozer, **The Price of Neglect**)*

- When we look back we should be learning not comparing. When we see God’s works in others, we should be encouraged that God can do the same in our life with the abilities and the measure of faith that He has given us.

*2 Timothy 2:1 “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”*

## **2) A Call to SEEK the Lord’s Future Glory.**

- The Glory of the Future Temple Would Exceed that of the Past (2:6-9)
- God encouraged His people with the assurance that the glory of the temple of the future (millennial) would be greater.

***Haggai 2:6-9** “For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; (7) And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. (8) The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. (9) The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

- Great peace is found when we keep our EYES on the LORD!

## c. THIRD PROPHECY, A CALL TO REVIVE THEIR WORSHIP

—24TH DAY OF 9TH MONTH (2:10-19)

### 1) A Call to HOLINESS

- Sacrifices Offered on the Altar Were Unclean as Long as the Temple Was in Ruins (2:10-14)

*Haggai 2:10-14* "In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, (11) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, (12) If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. (13) Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. (14) Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

- **The priests of God were asked two questions:**
- **First question:** If there was sanctified meat folded in clothing and the clothes touched other foods, would those other foods become holy? The priests correctly answered . . . "No."
- **Second question:** If a person who has become unclean through touching a dead body and he touches these foods, would the food become unclean? The priests correctly answered "Yes."
- What is he trying to make them understand? "If a person is sanctified and made Holy, that person cannot make another person Holy by touching them.
- BUT, if a person that is defiled interacts with others, they can cause that person to be defiled.
- In others words, our worship and service to God cannot make things Holy or cleanse sin, BUT sin can pollute our worship and service to God.
- This was a great reminder to God's people that their offerings and sacrifices to God were polluted and that they themselves were unclean as long as the temple was in ruins.
- OUR SERVICE TO GOD WILL NEVER COMPENSATE FOR OUR DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD!

## 2) A Call to HUMILITY

- Before the Foundation of the Temple Was Laid, the People Suffered from Scarcity (2:15-17)

*Haggai 2:15-17* “And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD: (16) Since those days were, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty. (17) I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.”

- The Lord reminds them that there is NO true blessing without the Lord!

## 3) A Call to HEARKEN

- If They Would Resume Work on the Temple, the Lord Would Bless Them.

*Haggai 2:18-19* “Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider it. (19) Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.”

## d. FOURTH PROPHECY, A CALL TO BE REFRESHED BY THE WORD

—24TH DAY OF 9TH MONTH (2:20-23)

- The People were Encouraged by the Promise to Defeat the Gentile Kingdoms and the Establishment of the Messiah's Reign.

*Haggai 2:20-23* “And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, (21) Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; (22) And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. (23) **In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.**”

*William McDonald said, “Zerubbabel is here a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. God would overthrow and destroy this world's Gentile kingdoms and set up Christ's Millennial Kingdom. The signet ring indicates that divine authority to rule is committed to the Messiah.”*

## 2. The ATTITUDE of the MESSENGER

- Haggai made sure that he would only speak the Words the LORD instructed him to speak.
- a. Thus saith the Lord

*Haggai 1:5 “Now therefore thus saith the LORD...”*

*Haggai 1:7 “Thus saith the LORD...”*

*Haggai 2:6 “For thus saith the LORD...”*

*Haggai 2:11 “Thus saith the LORD...”*

- b. The LORD of hosts

- This is significant as the “LORD of host” would indicate that our authority comes from the KING of kings and the LORD of lords.
- The gentile Kings were not a threat in any way to God and to the man of God – Haggai.

*Haggai 1:5 “Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts...”*

*Haggai 1:7 “Thus saith the LORD of hosts...”*

*Haggai 2:6 “For thus saith the LORD of hosts...”*

*Haggai 2:11 “Thus saith the LORD of hosts...”*

## **B. The Practice by Faith**

### 1. True Faith Practices or lives out the Word of God.

*Ezra 5:2 “Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them.”*

- a. Here we find three classes of men joining in the Work of God:
  - Zerubbabel the governor of Judah;
  - Jeshua/Joshua the high priest;
  - and Haggai and Zechariah the prophets.
  
- *Note:* How glorious it is when we see the leadership lead the way by working and serving in the Work of God.
  
- b. The Pharisees were people that were all talk and no action.
  - *Turn to Mathew 23:1-12*

## **CONCLUSION**

### 2. If we preach by faith, we then must practice by Faith.

- a. Jesus demonstrated the greatest example of true leadership.
  - *Turn to: John 13:13-17*
  
  - If we preach on obedience we must obey.
  - If we preach on forgiveness we must have a heart to forgive.
  - If we preach on holiness we must be holy.
  - If we preach on witnessing we must be a witness.
  - If we preach on encouragement, we must encourage.
  - If we preach on leadership, we must be a servant

*1 Timothy 4:12 “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”*