

## **Haggai 2:10-19 – Toward Holiness**

**Main Idea of the Text: The remedy to God's judgment and the reception of God's blessing is not holy obedience, for holiness is not created by our obedience. Blessing and Holiness only come by God's Grace and Mercy.**

### **The Date: December 18, 520 BC (Verse 10)**

1. 3-4 Months into the Rebuilding of the Temple
2. The Ground is Soft
3. Seed is Sown and Plowed into the Ground (cf. v. 19a)
4. Prayers of Hope for Better Harvest probably voiced
5. God Judged with Drought because of Disobedience to Rebuild the Temple (Hag 1)
6. God Speaks a Third Time through Haggai

### **The Priest's Responsibility: The Law of Moses (Verse 11)**

1. Instruction in the Law
2. Answering Questions about the Law
3. Keepers and Interpreters of Divine Law
4. Application of the Precepts of the Law to the Community of Israel

### **Two Case Studies From The Law Of Moses: #1 (Verse 12)**

1. Holy Meat/Flesh – Consecrated Sacrifice to the Lord
  - a. Peace Offering (Leviticus)
  - b. Fellowship Offering (1 Kings 8:64)
  - c. Most Probable: Sin Offering (Leviticus 6)
2. The Temple is Destroyed – Priest did Duties as if it Were Still There
  - a. Sacrificial Animal → Cooked → Eaten
  - b. Meat Taken Home in Priest's Robe
  - c. Meat touches Robe, Robe becomes Holy
  - d. The Robe does Not Make Other Foods Holy
3. Spiritual Principle: *Holiness is Not Transferred between People and Things that are Consecrated to God*
  - a. External Obedience does Not Make One Holy
  - b. **2 Tim 3.5 & Matt 23.25-28; 5.20**

### **Two Case Studies From The Law Of Moses: #2 (Verse 13)**

1. **See Leviticus 22.4-7 & Numbers 5.1-4**
2. Health does not Spread, Sickness does
3. A Defiled Heart Defiles Worship
4. **See 1 Peter 3:7**
5. Spiritual Principle: *Holiness Is Not Transferrable, Only Defilement and Depravity*

### **The Law Of God Condemned The People (Verse 14)**

1. Their Obedience was Impure: 16 Years of Disobedience
2. Past Sin Defiled their Present Obedience
3. Spiritual Principle: *Obedience to God does not Make One Holy*

### **God's Evidence For The People (Verses 15-16)**

1. The Temple is in Ruins
2. The Produce is Scarce

### **God's Judgment On The People (Verse 17)**

1. God Cursed the Crops with Blight, Mildew, & Hail
2. God is Right to Judge
3. Spiritual Principle: *Obedience to God does not Replace Wrongs or Atonement for Sin*

### **Holy People Are Honest About Self**

Holy People have a Different Language  
(See **Is 6.5; Rom 7.24; Rev 1:17a**)

### **What Makes A Person Holy? (Verses 18-19)**

1. The Date: December 18, 520 BC – Seed is Sown
2. Next Harvest: Blessing!
3. From Defiled and Unclean → Blessed! HOW?
4. Spiritual Principle: *Grace & Mercy Makes One Holy*
5. 500 Years Later: Jesus Makes Unclean Things Clean
6. Jesus – Holy Flesh Nailed to the Cross as Sacrifice to Make Us Clean – Grace (**Rom 5.19; Eph 2.8-10**)