

## **Haggai 1:12-15 – The Response of the People**

### **Review**

1. October, 539 BC – Persians under King Cyrus, conquer Babylon
2. 538 BC – Cyrus decrees by the hand of God to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (**Ezra 1:1-2**)
3. Exiles returned to Judah: Started the work, but stopped due to opposition (**Ezra 4, see verse 24**)
4. 18 Years Pass: God raises up Haggai and Zechariah
5. Oracle 1: August 29, 520 BC – Haggai 1:1-15
  - a. Haggai Calls the People to Repentance
  - b. The Remnant Responds

**Idea of the Text: People will not move into the prerogative and plan of God unless the presence of God prevails over human preference and willpower.**

### **The Remnant's Obedience To The Word (Verse 12a)**

1. The Word Came (**See Mark 4:1-9, 14-20**)
  - a. **See Romans 10:14-17**
  - b. **Haggai 1:1, 3, 12, 13; 2:1, 10, 20**
2. The Word ALWAYS accomplished what it is meant to accomplish – Let there be light, Lazarus come forth
  - a. **See Hebrews 4:12**
  - b. **See Mark 4:10-12**
3. The Remnant hear the voice of the Lord and obey
  - a. **See John 10:27-30**

### **The Remnant's Fear Of God (Verse 12b)**

1. Evidence is the Obedience
2. Fear – Picture of Affection, Awe, & Worship
3. Fear – Acute Awareness of God's Character
  - a. **See Proverbs 1:7**
4. Sense of Submission to God's Authority
  - a. **See Isaiah 6:5**
  - b. **See Psalm 51:17**
5. Sense of Awe at God's Power and Might
  - a. **See Job 9:4-10**

## **God's Presence With The Remnant (Verse 13)**

1. God's Messenger
  - a. Fallible – Sinner, Saved by Grace
  - b. Vital – Spread the Word
  - c. Role – Mouthpiece of God
  - d. Ambassador – No Inherent Authority
  - e. Example – Represents & Reflects God
    - i. **See James 3:1**
  - f. Stewards of the Word
    - i. **See 2 Timothy 2:15**
2. God's Message – I Am With You (**See John 1:14**)
  - a. Always Changes People – Transformative
  - b. Greatest Sense of Assurance
    - i. **Matthew 28:19-20**
3. God's Presence Encourages/Empowers Obedience

## **God's Power In The Remnant (Verses 14-15)**

1. Why did the people obey?
2. What is the difference between this day and the previous 18 years?
3. Not by Man's Might, but by God's power
  - a. **See Zechariah 4, specifically verse 6**
4. *People will not move into the prerogative and plan of God unless the presence of God prevails over human preference and human willpower.*
5. The People were Responsible, but Resisted through Fear and Discouragement – **See John 3:19-21**
6. God Had Enough & Raised Up Haggai and Zechariah
7. God Spoke Through Them
  - a. The Word Produced Faith in the People
  - b. The Word Triumphed Over Their Resistance
8. God stirred up the people & caused them to obey Him
  - a. **See Philippians 2:12-13**