

## Knowing your own spiritual condition

Haggai 2:10-23

- I. Doing more religious things doesn't make you godly (Haggai 2:10-14).
  - A. Haggai questions the priests – Sin is contagious, but holiness is not (10-13).
    1. Purity – If holy meat in a pocket touches something, does holiness transfer? Answer: No.
    2. Contamination – If a dead body touches something, is it contaminated? Answer: Yes
  - B. Haggai's application for the priests – Everything we DO can be tainted by sin if our hearts are not right (14).
    - Religious activity is not the same as godliness.
    - Know who/what influences you spiritually.
- II. Sin causes problems but genuine godliness brings God's blessings (Haggai 2:15-19).
  - A. God used poor harvests to get their attention (2:15-17).
    - Sometimes there is a link between our problems and our sin (Hebrews 12:6-11).
  - B. God would bless seed planted that year (2:18-19).
    - God always blesses obedience in some way.
- III. God would bless Zerubbabel with honor in future generations (Haggai 2:20-23).
  - A. God would destroy all Israel's enemies (20-22).
  - B. God would honor Zerubbabel by continuing Christ's line through him (23; Matthew 1:12, 16).