



ENTRUSTED WITH THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Embracing Hope

... in the second year of Darius the king. ¹ In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: ² "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, ³ 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?

⁴ Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. ⁷ And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.'"

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

A word from the Lord restores great hope.

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A word from the Lord _____ great hope.

1) We _____ our present situation. Haggai 1:15b-2:3

2) We _____ encouragement. Haggai 2:4-5

3) We _____ on his planned future. Haggai 2:6-9

So What?

How are you stuck in a perception of your present reality that does not embrace the hope of the Lord? What steps do you need to take toward gaining a restored hope?

Next week: we will continue our study of Haggai focusing on 2:10-19.