

Your Latter will be Greater

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Haggai 2 : 6-9 (KJV)



" 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; 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. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. 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." Haggai 2:6-9 KJV

As people all over the world join together tonight with friends and loved ones, they join together with great joy and at the stroke of midnight great celebrations will take place. People will usher in this New Year with all sort of parties and festivities. But how many of those people who are parting up a storm are ushering in this New Year in fear? How many would stand today at the dawn of this new year with a burden upon their heart. They will look at this New Year with fear and trembling of what this New Year will hold for them. And many will stand at the face of this New Year and say, "Lord, what now? What trouble and uncertainty is this year going to bring for me and my family? Where do I stand?"

But I'm here to tell you today that you have nothing to fear. I'm here today to bring you good news. Even though you feel like you face doom and destruction in this coming year, even though you feel like you don't know what to expect, even though you see a picture of hopelessness and disappointment. I'm here to tell you that God is in control and He has a plan.

I love this portion of scripture, I love what God's plan is here, even though the children of Israel could not see it. Even though today and right now you cannot see what the plan of God is in your life for this New Year doesn't mean that God doesn't have one. This portion of scripture comes from the book of prophecy by the prophet Haggai. At this point in the history of Israel, Israel is in the process of rebuilding the temple. The temple of Solomon had been destroyed when the Israelites went into captivity and after the Israelites had returned from captivity they decided to rebuild the temple. And at this point The Lord is reassuring Israel through the prophet Haggai concerning the temple.

The people who were rebuilding the temple were rather despondent and felt that they could never rebuild the temple in the splendor that it once stood at. They felt that they didn't have the resources and finances to build the temple as gloriously as it once was. So these people who took up the challenge to rebuild the temple faced all sorts of issues and opposition. Those who could remember the glory of the previous temple kept reminding the new builders of what the temple was supposed to look like, they kept reminding them that what they were building was not good enough and that this new temple could never match up to the former one. These builders were not satisfied with the work that they were doing on the temple, they were disappointed that they could never rebuild the temple to the way they would have liked it to be. Never listen to people with a negative opinion who are around you. The people who could remember what the old temple looked like were distracted by those memories of the past. They were holding on to what they remembered. Don't look back and long for the days that once was. *"Do not say, "Why were the old days better than these?" Ecclesiastes 7:10.* The memory of the old days will keep you from moving into a new era. Those that held on to the former temple, could not see the shaking that was to come, they could not see the new order of things that was to follow soon. They could not see that the new glory that would fill the temple will be Christ himself. Beloved, don't go into 2012 hanging on to what 2011 brought. Look to the New Year with hope of a new beginning, a new start and a renewal of mindset and thoughts focused on The Presence of God.

The builders of this new temple were not only discouraged by those who offered a negative opinion around them, but they were also discouraged because they lacked the gold and gems that once adorned the glorious temple of Solomon. They were discouraged because they didn't have the great wealth that King Solomon had at his disposal when he built the original temple. But God had a greater plan. God had a greater vision. He was not concerned about what the temple looked like; God was not concerned about the appearance of this new temple. He was not moved by the physical building. God didn't want the temple to be rebuilt to its former glory. The people were focus on the physical glory; God was concerned about the greater glory and presence that was about to come and fill the temple.

And God says to them though the prophet Haggai, that He was going to cause a shaking, and in that shaking He was making way for a new order. God was causing a shaking to break away from the old order of things and routines in the temple. God was saying that the new glory that was going to fill the new temple was not going to be the same old glory that once filled the old temple. This new glory was speaking of Christ to come. God says to the people that He is not concerned about what outwardly adorned the building; He was saying to the builders that the glory that will fill the temple was not the gold and silver. It will be the glory of Christ that will fill it. God owns all the silver and gold of the world. He has at his disposal all the wealth we could ever imagine of. But wealth, gold and money are what people base success and achievement by. But God based the success and achievement in rebuilding the temple by the coming glory of Christ.

And God reassures the builders and tells them that the latter glory that will fill the temple will be far, far greater than the former glory. What the people saw and remembered about the old temple will be nothing compared to what they will see filled in this new one. God tells them that the glory and presence that once filled the old temple will become a far greater presence. The new presence that is to come will bring peace and rest. God promises to the children of Israel that peace and rest will come, peace and comfort that they will never have to fear anything again will be theirs. God promises that when Christ comes, Christ will leave them with a greater peace and fulfillment than they ever expected.

Today, when you look at what this New Year is going to bring, look and see that God has a greater plan for your life. Even though you might not have all the physical signs of success and achievement that you would like to have. God says He has something even greater for you. Matthew 6:33 says *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* God owns all the silver and gold and wealth of the world. Don't concern yourself with what you can't see. Seek the presence of God in your life right now, and whatever God has at His disposal will automatically be given to you. Tonight as you stand at the brink of the New Year to come, remember that God has promised to you that your latter will be greater. Don't listen to people that will keep reminding you of your past, however well or bad it was. Don't look at what you've been though in the last year and base your new year on that, look to what God has planned to come. Align yourself to what the plans of God are. Because what God has planned for this new years is far greater than what you think is going to fill your life. All things are possible with God...Your latter WILL be greater...

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