

So what...

Can you think of times in your life with God that have been glorious? We sometimes call them spiritual highs...

As a Christian what is the significance of the past, the present and the future?

How might you apply the Christian confession, 'Christ has died [past], Christ is risen [present], Christ will come again' [future] to this?

Haggai 2 speaks of responsibility for human beings and the initiative of God...

'**Be strong**, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and **work**. For **I am with you!**'

Look at the parallel passages suggested overleaf...Discuss
Think about each instruction here.

Are there situations in your life where you are needing to:

1. be strong
2. work
3. trust in God's presence with you

PRAY...

What do you make of Haggai 2.14; cf. Isaiah 64.6; Romans 3.9-18

If we are contaminated in this way, how can we get clean?

Cf. Haggai 19.end...

Read 1 Chronicles 29.14-16 and Haggai 2.8

How dependent are we on God for any work we attempt to do for him? Cf.

John 15.5

How easy is it to apply this to the way we live and decide?

Discuss greater glory in the light of 2 Corinthians 3.17-18

Pray for each other to believe this verse...

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All Shook Up Haggai 2

Devoted to Christ, his people, his mission

...the main points again

A liver bird duvet cover

- stuck on former glories...

...God has not peaked with his former glories

'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?'

Faith always believes in the possibility of greater glories

Road-hitting Rubber- an old message re-applied:

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Cf. Joshua 1.9; 1 Chronicles 28.20; Matthew 28.20b

The work of building is not the point...

Doing the work of God does not produce relationship with God...BUT Relationship with God will lead to doing the work of God

A matter of contamination and consecration

How do put right a habit of flirting with things that lead to death...

...Reconnect with the one who gives life

It's impossible to build with out God anyway

Cf. Haggai 2.8; 1 Chronicles 29.14-16

Stirred not shaken? Shaken and stirred...

'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty.'

Need to be God-shaken?

Greater glories still

The fullest revelation...John 1.14

The fullest salvation...Hebrews 9.11-14

Even greater glory...Hebrews 12.26-27

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Celebrating former glories, but looking for the greater glory...

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

- 2 Corinthians 3.17-18