



Pekin First Nazarene

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- Remembering what God has done is never meant to be the end of the story.

Haggai 1:2-11 (NLT)

²*“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: The people are saying, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.’”* ³*Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai:* ⁴*“Why are you living in luxurious houses while My house lies in ruins?”* ⁵*This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Look at what’s happening to you!* ⁶*You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!* ⁷*“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Look at what’s happening to you!*

⁸Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild My house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. ⁹You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because My house lies in ruins, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses. ¹⁰It's because of you that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops. ¹¹I have called for a drought on your fields and hills—a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olive trees and all your other crops, a drought to starve you and your livestock and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get.”

- Their physical building had become a reflection of their spiritual practices.

Haggai 2:9 (NLT)

“The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. And in this place I will bring peace.”