

Daily Devotional, July 6, 2020

'Priority Check', (Haggai 1:4, NKJV)

“Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?” (Haggai 1:4)

The year was 520 B.C. The Jews were in the ongoing process of returning from exile and rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. But the people had begun to lose focus on their priorities. They were more focused on personal comfort than the worship of God. They were more focused on earthly things than heavenly things. Their neglect of the house of God was symptomatic of their inward spiritual dullness. So the Lord raised up the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to rebuke, correct, and instruct the children of Israel, to give them a priority check.

The year is 2020. The people of Woonsocket, and throughout the USA, have been in the ongoing process of returning from isolation and getting back to the Lord's work publicly. At our church, we've taken the time to get right about the business of spiritual revival, full steam ahead, by emphasizing it in a five service sequence including an Old Fashioned Tent Revival. It is not time for everyone to go back to their comfortable lives. It is time for God's people to take a look at things and redouble their Great Commission efforts. The degree to which you do this is the degree to which your heart has been quickened or dulled. The evidence is seen by what you are putting your time, energy, and resources into. Today, take a priority check of yourself. Go before the Lord God in prayer and ask Him to show you if there are any areas where your priorities are awry. Ask yourself the same question that Haggai of old asked with regard to the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in you, *“which temple you are”* (1 Corinthians 3:17). *“Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?”* (Haggai 1:4).