Give Careful Thought to Your Ways

Haggai 1:1-14

Key Verse:1:5

Overview: In 538 B.C. the Lord moved Cyrus king of Persia to support and allow the exiled Israelites to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (read Ezra 1:1-7). But the rebuilding had stopped, largely due to opposition. In 520 B.C. the Lord’s messages came to his people through the prophet Haggai.

1. Read v.1-2. To whom did Haggai prophesy and during which king’s reign (1)? What did the people say and why? (2)

2. Look at v.3-7. What question did the LORD ask through Haggai (3-4)? What did the LORD ask them to “give careful thought to” and why (5-7)?

3.Look at v.8-11. What was God showing them through a drought in the land (8-11)? Through these illustrations what did God want to teach them? What is the principle of spiritual order?

4. Look at v.12-15. How did Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the high priest and the whole remnant of the people respond to the words of Haggai (12)? What was the result of the Lord’s stirring up their spirits (13-15)? Why was the rebuilding the House of the LORD important for them?