

## **Blessed and United - Haggai 2:10-23**

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### **Introduction**

> What part do we play in building God's k\_\_\_\_\_? Being accepted by G\_\_\_\_\_?

> Lessons in the first two sermons:

> Danger: God's people think he n\_\_\_\_\_ them. Can lead to p\_\_\_\_\_ and self-righteousness

> Last two sermons (today): Two pictures of our spiritual n\_\_\_\_\_ – both met in the Lord J\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

### **From Defiled to Blessed (verses 10-19)**

*Our Problem (verses 10-14)*

> “Whatever they d\_\_\_ and whatever they offer there is defiled.” (verse 14)

> These words – based on OT Law. God is h\_\_\_\_\_ / morally pure; we are not. Clean and unclean – morally pure and impure.

> Cleanness cannot be passed on, but uncleanness can (Numbers 19:11). Even one s\_\_\_ makes us unclean / morally impure. SIN – Saying “**S**hove off God; **I**'m in charge; **N**ot you.” Mark 7:22.

*God's solution (v15-19)*

> “I will b\_\_\_\_\_ you” (verse 19). How do we get there?

> Turning point: The t\_\_\_\_\_ is being built – verses 15, 18. Difference that makes: With the t\_\_\_\_\_ in place, God is with his people to forgive, cleanse, bless them.

> What about for us? Jesus is the true t\_\_\_\_\_ (John 2:19-22). Jesus makes the unclean c\_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:40-42). 2 Corinthians 5:21.

### **From Alienated to United (verses 20-23)**

*Our Problem*

> Zerubbabel – in the line of king D\_\_\_\_\_. God made great promises to his people - depending on having a k\_\_\_\_\_ / Messiah (2 Samuel 7).

> But Zerubbabel is not the king – The people are alienated from God's p\_\_\_\_\_.

*God's solution*

> “Signet ring” - identity and auth\_\_\_\_\_  
“Seal” (Song of Songs 8:6) – i\_\_\_\_\_, personal relationship.

> What God's saying to Zerubbabel:

> Kingly line of J\_\_\_\_\_ Christ – Matthew 1:12-16.

> Jesus – God h\_\_\_\_\_ – closest relationship to God (John 1:18)  
- Reveals God (John 1:18)  
- Through faith in him – we are u\_\_\_\_\_ to him and have intimate relationship with the Father (Ephesians 1:13, Galatians 3:26, 4:7)

### **So what?**

### **To think / pray about**

> How would you explain to someone from this passage / today's sermon why it's not the case that “good people go to heaven”?

> How has your appreciation of Christ and what he has done for you grown today?

> Take some time to worship Jesus Christ in response!