

Kingdom Priority 2: Obedience

HAGGAI 1:12-15



Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do,
Where he sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.



Stanza from "Trust and Obey"

Matthew 28:19-20

*¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Lack of Obedience = Doubting Salvation

1. John 8:31

2. John 15:10

3. I John 2:3-4

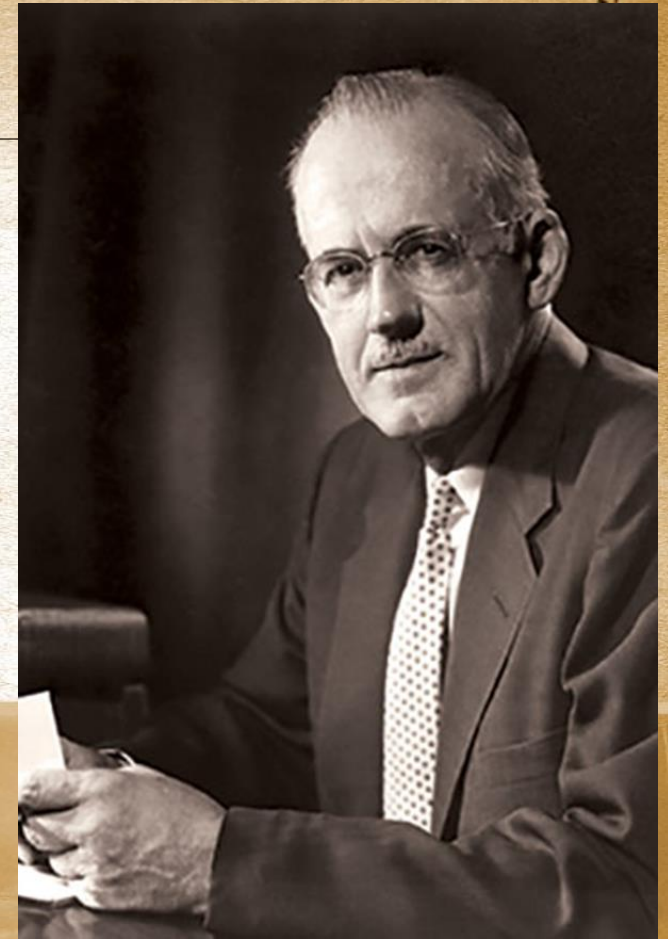


An Important Clarification

We are not saved BY or BECAUSE of our obedience,
but our salvation produced a desire FOR obedience to
the Lord.



“The man that believes will obey;
failure to obey is convincing proof
that there is not true faith present.”



**A.W. Tozer,
*Man: The Dwelling
Place of God***



Ephesians 6:1-3

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

Obedience

- Means “to heed” or “to hear”
- Not limited to audible listening; includes responses and reactions.
- The 5th commandment is the only one that is reinforced with a promise for those who follow it.
- Blessing follows obedience (Deuteronomy 28).



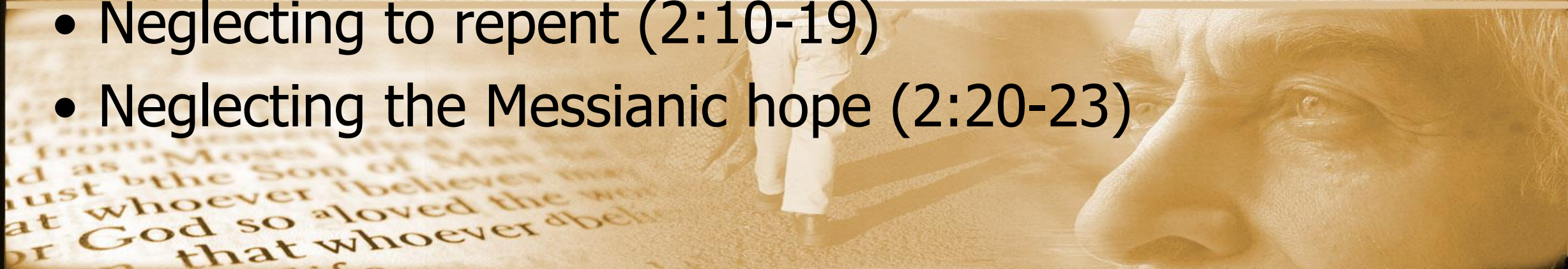
Ephesians 2:10

*For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus **for good works**,
which God prepared beforehand,
that **we should walk in them.***



Outline of Neglect in Haggai

- Neglecting the glory of God's name (1:1-11)
- **Neglecting their own obedience to God (1:12-15)**
- Neglecting spiritual growth (2:1-9)
- Neglecting to repent (2:10-19)
- Neglecting the Messianic hope (2:20-23)



KEY POINT: Prioritize obedience to God's Word.



Who?

a. Zerubbabel - the governor of Judah; a political and military leader

b. Joshua - the high priest; a religious leader

I Thessalonians 1:5-6

*5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And **you became imitators of us and of the Lord**, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,*

I Thessalonians 2:13-14

*13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 14 For you, brothers, **became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea.** For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,*

What?

a. They obeyed.

b. They feared.



Psalm 112:1

*Praise the LORD! **Blessed** is the man who fears the **LORD**, who greatly delights in his commandments!*



Ecclesiastes 12:13

*The end of the matter; all has been heard.
Fear God and keep his commandments,
for this is the whole duty of man.*



Genesis 6:22

Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.



Covenant Promise and Assurance

- At the burning bush (Exodus 3:12)
- Before they entered the Promised Land (Numbers 14:9)
- As the Hebrews prepared for war to claim the Promised Land (Joshua 1:5)
- As Gideon was reminded before he took 300 men to fight the Midianite army (Judges 6:12)

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Covenant Promise and Assurance

- As Jeremiah was reminded when God called him to be a prophet (Jeremiah 1:8)
- At the end of Jesus' life on earth when He would send His disciples out into the world (Matthew 28:19-20)



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I Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.