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ENCOURAGING THE BUILDERS.—Haggai 2: 1-9.

Read the Book of Haggai and Isaiah 60.

Commit Verses 4, 5.

Golden Text.—Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work, for I am with you.—Hag. 2: 1.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

Time.—This prophecy was delivered on the twenty-first of the seventh month (September-October), B. C. 520, fifteen years after the laying of the temple foundations.

Place.—Jerusalem.

Rulers.—Darius Hystaspes, king of the Medo-Persian empire, one of the greatest of the Persian kings. He was defeated at Marathon, 490. Zerubbabel, governor of Judea.

Prophets.—Zechariah prophesied at the same time with Haggai.

THE HISTORICAL SITUATION.—Fifteen years before, the Jews had returned from Babylon with high hopes. But poverty, the vastness of the work to be done, and the opposition of the surrounding peoples, had caused their hopes to become dim. The walls and a large part of the city were in ruins. The temple foundations were laid, but everything was in an unfinished condition. The altar was built and religious worship was conducted, but amid difficulties. The nobles had built beautiful homes for themselves, and were living in luxury within sight of the temple ruins. Their crops were small; the cattle were poor, the vines were not fruitful, their expected riches did not come. Such was the scene when Haggai appeared upon it.

On the other hand, there were political changes which gave encouragement that the time was ripe for a new movement. There had been a change in a central government. Cambyses, the ruler succeeding Cyrus, had been fierce and cruel. His armies, on the way to conquer Egypt, spread ruin and desolation, especially in Palestine. Revolutions and insurrections broke out at home. But now there had come a new and better ruler into power, Darius Hystaspes, a worshiper of one god, and the time seemed favorable.

A NEW PROPHET APPEARS ON THE SCENE.—At this juncture two prophets appeared, Haggai and Zechariah. They were messengers of the Lord. The prophets were the preachers, the evangelists, the reformers, of their day.

Nothing is known of Haggai except what is stated here and in Ezra. He is generally regarded as an old man at the time of his prophecy. On the first day of the sixth month, September, the day of the feast of the new moon, this prophet appeared and made an earnest appeal to the people, in the name of Jehovah. As a result work was begun on the temple in three weeks.

THE PROPHET INSPIRING COURAGE AND HOPE.—V. 19. This prophecy was uttered seven weeks after the first one, nearly a month after work had commenced on the temple. Its object was to remove the hindrances in the minds of the people, and to encourage them in the good work.

God is With You. In the seventh month, Tisri, October. In the one and twentieth day Who is left among you. It was sixty six years since Solomon's temple was destroyed. Saw this house. The temple was ever regarded as one and the same temple, however many times it was rebuilt or restored. In her first glory As Solomon built it, with marble and gold and gems. The Holy of Holies was empty. The ark, the cherubs, the tables of stone, the vase of manna, the rod of Aaron, were gone. The golden shields had vanished. Is it not in comparison of it as nothing? The fact of its humble appearance is admitted. What was the use of so much self denial for a temple of such little value? Why not first get rich themselves, and then build a worthy temple? Yet now be strong. There are other things besides these that you see I am with you, saith the Lord. It was sufficient encouragement to know that God was with them. "If God be for us who can be against us?" His covenant made on uries before was still in force. The word that I conversed with you when ye came out of Egypt. God's covenant when the people came out of Egypt, was that they should be his people, and he would be their God. He here declares this covenant to be still binding, and that they should therefore have no fear. So my Spirit remaineth in you. He had wrought wonders for their fathers in deliverances. He had restored and blessed the penitent in former times; so now. He had aided in building the former temple; so he

would the present temple. He controls the nations and will compel them to aid in building the new kingdom. I am with you, it is a little while. In a little while. In their past history God had shaken the nations many times. I will shake the heavens. The visible spiritual powers, the ideas, thoughts, plans, which control the earth. And the desires of all nations shall come, v. 7, the desirable things of all nations, the objects which the nations most desire, their choicest treasures. The older interpretation was that the desire of all nations referred directly to the Messiah, as the object which all nations desired consciously or unconsciously; that which their needs called for. The reference to the Messiah is not excluded by the other interpretation. All the most desirable things of the world are supplied best and most abundantly by Christ and his kingdom. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine. He created it, and compels it to work for the furtherance of his kingdom. Thus the Egyptians aid the Israelites at the exodus, Nebuchadnezzar preserved the temple treasures, and Cyrus returned them, and Darius gave it a revenue, and Herod brought untold riches to his renovation of the temple, the Romans, embodying all nations, contributing immense wealth for the purpose. It was also true that God had a right to the silver and gold the Israelites had acquired. In contributing to the temple they "gave him what was his own." The glory of this latter shall be greater than of the former. Better as R. V., the latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, the "house" being regarded as the same house from Solomon's time till Herod's, and the spiritual temple which grew out from it. More of the wealth of the world should come to it; but chiefly was this promise fulfilled in the presence of Christ, in the birth of the new dispensation, in the abiding of the Spirit of God. The Messianic kingdom, redeeming and ruling the world, grew out of that which the temple symbolized and taught. Thus the people were encouraged to build this temple. And in this place will I give peace. Haggai's words undoubtedly conveyed the assurance that, amidst the threatened shaking of the nations, the people of God should be secure, undisturbed by surrounding convulsions. And, in point of fact, the house of God was preserved in violation during the terrible conflict between the Persian and the Greek empires. There was a larger fulfillment in the coming of the Prince of Peace, bringing peace to the heart, peace with God, peace with man, peace within each soul; and also bringing peace on the earth. Peace means prosperity, happiness, growth, progress.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS & C.

There come times of great discouragement in the upbuilding of the people of God. There are mountains in the way which it seems impossible to cross or remove. The spirit seems to have gone out of the people. Progress is slow. Misfortune and opposition bring discouragement.

No community can long prosper which gives its time to material things, and neglects the spiritual; which builds beautiful dwellings, but neglects its schoolhouses and churches.

There are two ways of looking at most things. The people saw ruin and discouragement on every hand. The prophet saw a greater glory than shone from Solomon's temple. The true prophet sees the spiritual through the material, the noble character through hard discipline, the perfect statue in the rough marble block.

"God with us" is our power and hope and glory. God is with us when we go to his side. He will not come over to ours when we are wrong.

God's presence with his people in the past, and the mighty works by which it was shown, are the promise and assurance of his continued presence.

We are often troubled when God is shaking the nations, as were the disciples when Jesus for told wars and rumors of wars, nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. But he bade them not to be troubled on account of these things, but to watch and pray. Only through the shaking of the nations can the good time come. The shaking opens doors for the gospel, in hearts and in nation.

The desirable things of all nations shall help to build up the kingdom of God. All that is being done and gained in the world ministers to the progress of Christ's kingdom. Every invention, printing-press, telegraph, steam engine,—all commerce, all wealth, science learning, art civilization, all are aiding in the work of bringing the world to Christ.

Joy is the companion of Love, and may always be found together.

Seek God with All Your Heart.

And ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your hearts. This promise of God to Israel is applicable to every wanderer from Him. The only purpose of man's existence in this world is to find God. Paul said " * * * hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us. Man was created to be raised from the plane of this mortal existence into the position of sons of God by a voluntary subjection of himself to his Maker. He is to feel a ter God. And God is not far away. Every sincere desire toward Him will meet with a response, and if one seeks for Him with all his heart, he will surely find Him. God can read our thoughts; He knows when we reach out after Him; and if our yearnings for Him transcend all other desires, He will surely make Himself known to us by His Spirit and His word.

When you seek for God with all your heart you will find Him. All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him. Blessed promise! To find God; to be conscious of Him because He fills you with a knowledge of Himself! Wonderful! And yet this is the sublime privilege of all; yes, more than this, it is the very purpose of our existence; and this purpose can only be frustrated by our own indifference to the strivings of God's Spirit in us directing us to Him.

Many are the assurances of the word that all who seek after God with all their hearts shall find Him. Ask, and it shall be given you, said Christ; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out. And he is not far from every one of us. Just a heartfelt whisper will reach Him. Strange that anyone should neglect this transcendent opportunity of coming into vital connection with the eternal God! Sinner, feel after God. Reach out for Him; call upon Him with all your heart. He will make you conscious of His forgiving mercy and keeping power, and in the end you shall receive immortal life and endless blessedness.—Herald of Life.

How to Keep Scholars in a Class.

We give six short rules that are roads to success:

1. Keep yourself there. A good way to kill is to keep away. The class scatters when the teacher is absent. Where you find a class without a teacher, you will soon find a teacher without his class. Be there yourself.
2. Know your lesson. To attract and fix others, have something with which to attract and fix. If you would draw the iron, there must be power in the magnet. An empty teacher will empty his class seat.
3. Keep the scholars by keeping the parents. Call at the homes of your class. You strengthen your hold on the parent.
4. Have an interest in everything affecting their welfare. Guide them in their reading, and have a thought for their health. What does our class cost us? The amount of cost will measure the size of results. It is useless to expect a crop when you sow little and cultivate less. By loving and serving your class you keep them.
5. Keep your scholars by mighty prayers for them, by an Israel wrestling style of supplication. Let your aim and effort be to bring every scholar into obedience to Christ. The more religion in the scholar the greater attachment to the teacher. It is the converted boy or girl that makes the permanent scholar.
6. You keep most when you think least of keeping, and simply give in to God the full measure of your duty, up to the brim, doing intensely, persistently, thoroughly, when you yourself are submitted fully to the Lord Jesus, and just breathe out the spirit of consecration that abode in him.—Sunday-School Journal.

An Hour a Day.

The keynote to the character of the young is the way in which they employ their leisure time. A writer to The Sunday School Herald tells what an ambitious boy did with one leisure hour a day. There is encouragement in the story for all earnest young people.

A few years ago two poor boys from old town of Plymouth, Mass., went down to a lonely part of the coast to gather a certain seaweed from the rocks, which, when

bleached and dried, is sold as Irish moss, for culinary purposes. The boys lived in a little hut on the beach; they were out before dawn to gather or prepare the moss, which had to be wet with salt water many times, and spread out in the sun until it was thoroughly whitened. They had one hour each day free from work. One of them spent it lying on the sand asleep. The other had brought out his books, and studied for that hour, trying to keep up with his school-mates.

Fifteen years after the first boy, now a middle aged man, was still gathering moss on the coast near Plymouth.

The second emigrated to Kansas, became the leading man in a new settlement and a wealthy, influential citizen.

No matter what was my work, he said, lately, I always contrived to give one hour a day to my education. This is the cause of my success in life.

The Summons to Young Men.

How many young men are drifting, and dawdling, and wasting away their lives, sucking cigars and cane heads, eating bread which others earn, and wearing clothes for which they have never paid? And yet these men have lived long enough to have made their mark in the world's history, and to have accomplished great things for God and humanity. Much of the important work of the world is done by young men; much of it is done by old men. But these triflers will never do anything either in youth or old age.

At the age of forty, Robert Bruce defeated the English at Bannockburn. At twenty-seven William Pitt was prime minister of Great Britain. William E. Gladstone was in parliament at twenty-two. At twenty-two George Washington was a colonel; at forty-three he commanded the Revolutionary army, and at fifty-seven was President of the United States. Martin Luther was prominent when he was twenty-four years old; finished his life work largely at forty-six and died at sixty-two. John Calvin, before he was thirty years old had done work which placed his name among the great men of earth. Others, to day are doing in early life, work which will endure forever.—Forward.

Bad Reading.

A little fellow sat reading a book when he saw his father coming. He put the book out of sight and stood up in great confusion, waiting for his father to pass by. Now, I didn't like that; and I herewith advise that boy, and all other boys, never to read anything they are ashamed of. Open every page you read, full and free, in God's light and presence, as you must; and, if it is not fit to be opened so, do not read it at all.

Bad reading is deadly poison; and I, for one, would like to see the poisoners—that is, the men who furnish it—punished like any other murderers; yes, more, it's far worse to kill the soul than to kill the body.

In my opinion, parents are not half watchful enough in this matter, and if I were you, young folks, I wouldn't stand it.—Selected.

Rules of Home Department Work.

1. Much greater interest in the Sunday school in the home, and larger co-operation on the part of the parents.
2. After a while it will be discovered by many that it is not so impossible to get to the sessions of the school as once thought, and some will drop into the regular school work.
3. Great enlargement of the school membership will inevitably ensue.
4. Quickening of the spiritual life naturally follows studying the Word of God. Many begin on half an hour each week, and end by giving several hours—all because they are really interested in it.—The Trumpet Call.

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