

UN-DEFILED

HAGGAI 2:10-19

- God's holiness is untransferable; only He can sanctify and make holy. (vv. 10-12)
- Our sinful disobedience contaminates everything we touch, emphasizing our need for God's cleansing and forgiveness. (vv. 13-14)
- Remembering our past disobedience helps us to better appreciate the present and future blessings of God. (vv. 15-17)
- We can trust in God's faithfulness to turn our past disobedience into abundant blessings in the future. (vv. 18-19)

FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

1. Reflecting on the passage from Haggai 2:10-19, how does the concept of defilement and holiness resonate with your understanding of sin and God's righteousness? Exodus 29:37, Lev. 6:27, Num 19:13,16, Lev. 22:3
2. Discuss how Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient for forgiveness of sin and makes us "un-defiled". Heb. 9:11-14, Heb. 10:5-8,, Rom. 6:23, 1 Peter 2:4-5
3. In what ways do you see parallels between the disobedience of the Israelites in Haggai's time and the challenges we face in remaining obedient to God today?
4. Compare the requirements and blessings of the Old Covenant with the New covenant. How are they similar, how are they different? Compare how God disciplines His people then and now. Heb. 12:6, Rev. 3:19-20
5. Discuss what sacrifice looks like today. Rom. 12:1, 1 Peter 2:5, Rev. 6:9, Phil. 4:18, Heb. 13:15, Rev. 5:8, Heb. 13:16, Phil. 2:17.
6. How can reflecting on our own past experiences as God commands of the people in Haggai, help us grow in our relationship with God and avoid repeating past mistakes? What is the difference between us remembering our past sin versus living with persistent guilt?
7. What does God ask of us regarding sacrifice? Lev. 26:1-5, 1 Sam. 15:22-23, Psalm 51:16-18, Prov. 21:3, Hosea 6:6, Matt. 12:7, Micah 6:6-8
8. What are the blessings we enjoy now and will continue to enjoy as part of His Body? Eph. 3:14-21, Gal. 3:10-11, Eph. 1:3-12, Acts 17:24, Ezek. 36:27, John 7:37-39