

**A Prophet Concerned for the House of God  
“Keep Encouraged!”  
(Haggai 2:1-9)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** I want you to consider with me three blessed promises concerning God’s care and guidance of His people so that you will remain encouraged in the work of the Lord.

I. Be encouraged by God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (2:4-5).

II. Be encouraged by God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (2:6-9a).

III. Be encouraged by God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9b)

**Conclusion**

### **Text: Haggai 2:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>5</sup>'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!' <sup>6</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. <sup>7</sup>I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup>'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup>'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

### **Related Texts:**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:14**

<sup>14</sup>We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

#### **Zechariah 4:6**

<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

#### **Nehemiah 4:14, 19-20**

<sup>14</sup>When I saw *their fear*, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses."

<sup>19</sup>I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another. <sup>20</sup>At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

#### **Hebrews 12:26-29**

<sup>26</sup>And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN." <sup>27</sup>This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.

### **Zechariah 14:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. <sup>13</sup>It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another. <sup>14</sup>Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance. <sup>15</sup>So also like this plague will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey and all the cattle that will be in those camps.

<sup>16</sup>Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

### **Matthew 6:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### **Philippians 4:19**

<sup>19</sup>And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

### **Zechariah 6:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>Then say to him, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."

### **John 14:27**

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

### **John 16:33**

<sup>33</sup>These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."