

Mount Pisgah AME Church
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“Thinking BIG”
“**Believing In God’s Greater Glory**”
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*“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts.”
Haggai 2:9*

I. Glory

- A. The Nelson’s Illustrated Bible Dictionary defines *glory* as beauty, power, or honor; a quality of God’s character that emphasizes God’s greatness and authority

II. Haggai

- A. Ministry time and place: 520 BC in Jerusalem
B. Main Focus: To encourage God’s people to rebuild the Temple which was the place of God’s presence and of their worship

III. Remembering the Former Temple Brings Mixed Emotions (2:1-3)

- A. The Former Temple – the Temple of Solomon was famous for being so glorious and for the quality of its elaborate workmanship (1 Kings 6-7)
B. Mixed Emotions – the foundation of the new Temple caused discouragement to some and brought joy to others (Ezra 3:12-13); a small work is grand (Zechariah 4:10); Little can be much if God is in it
C. **Thinking BIG** in:
1. Obedience to God by executing God’s instruction
2. Demonstrating joy to acquire strength (Nehemiah 8:10)

IV. Be Strong; Get to Work for God is Present (2:4-5)

- A. Be Strong – words from God to increase the people’s confidence
B. Get to work for God is with us – even though the Temple of Solomon was a pile of debris, God remained faithful to the people; God gives a message of repeated assurance
“For I am with you”
C. **Thinking BIG** while recognizing:
1. God is with us as God was with Joshua (Deuteronomy 31:7-8)
2. God is with us as God was with Solomon (1 Chronicles 28:20)

V. Build and Be Encouraged (2:6-9)

- A. Build – continue to build as the house of God is always under construction; the building and preservation of God’s house must be top on the list of priorities; this illustrates that the place of worship is a very important matter to the people of God
B. Be encouraged – God’s glory will be greater as we worship God
C. **Thinking BIG** is knowing:
1. God is Sovereign over all; everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1)
2. God will fill His Temple with Glory; God is the King of Glory (Psalm 24:7-10)