



THE TIME IS NOW - Part 3 of 3
The Blessings of Obedience
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THE PROBLEM: **CONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE TO GOD.**

1. THE CORRUPTIVE POWER OF **SIN**

“If one of you is carrying some meat from a holy sacrifice in his robes and his robe happens to brush against some bread or stew, wine or olive oil, or any other kind of food, will it also become holy?” The priests replied, “No.” Haggai 2:12

Then Haggai asked, “If someone becomes ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person and then touches any of these foods, will the food be defiled?” And the priests answered, “Yes.” Haggai 2:13

Then Haggai responded, “That is how it is with this people and this nation, says the Lord. Everything they do and everything they offer is defiled by their sin.” Haggai 2:14

2. GOD REMINDS HIS **PEOPLE**

“Look at what was happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of the Lord’s Temple. When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. I sent blight and mildew and hail to destroy everything you worked so hard to produce. Even so, you refused to return to Me,” says the Lord. Haggai 2:15-17

3. MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, I WANT YOUR **HEART.**

I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you. Haggai 2:19