

TO THE KING

**TO THE KING WHO IS PRIORITY #1**

Haggai 1:1-15      February 19, 2017      Jeff Schreve

*And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. Colossians 1:17-18*

**Does the King of kings really have first place in you?**

**1. God wants us to consider our ways.**

A. It is easy to let our self-centered agenda take priority.

B. It is easy to make excuses as to why it's not the right time.

*"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'This people says, "The time has not come, even the time for the house of the LORD to be rebuilt."'" Haggai 1:2*

C. It is easy to lose sight of the greatness and priority of God.

*"But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock, and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations." Malachi 1:14*

**2. God wants us to consider our circumstances.**

*"You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes." Haggai 1:6*

A. God will not honor those who will not honor Him.

B. God will work against those who will not honor Him.

*"You look for much, but behold, it comes to little; when you bring it home, I blow it away. Why?" declares the LORD of hosts, "Because of My house which lies desolate, while each of you runs to his own house." Haggai 1:9*

*Honor the LORD from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.  
Proverbs 3:9-10*

### **3. God wants us to consider our opportunity.**

*"Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified," says the LORD. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people showed reverence for the LORD. Haggai 1:8, 12*

A. We show reverence for the King when we put Him first.

B. We receive a blessing from the King when we put Him first.  
*Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke by the commission of the LORD to the people saying, "'I am with you,' declares the LORD." Haggai 1:13*

**When you consider every part of your life, is He really #1?**