CONSIDER

1. Testimony
   1. One morning as I was praying over abortion, being thankful for pro life judges, the hope of overturning Roe v Wade etc. and thankful that someday millions of babies will be saved, the Lord asked me,
   2. “Then what?” I didn’t understand what He meant. He then said, “You can’t legislate matters of the heart! Until hearts and lives change, all those babies that would have been aborted will now live. What will happen to them.”
   3. I understood. Foster systems are overrun. They need help, The need justice and revamping. They need people!
   4. CONSIDER….always leads me to Haggai
2. Haggai 1 & 2
   1. The Command to Build God’s House

**1**In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, **2**“Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, “**The time has not come, the time that the Lord’s house should be built.” ’ ”**

**3**Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, **4“*Is it* time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple *to lie* in ruins?” 5Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: “Consider your ways!**

**6“You have sown much, and bring in little;  
You eat, but do not have enough;  
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;  
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;  
And he who earns wages,  
Earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes.”**

**7**Thus says the Lord of hosts: **“Consider your ways!** **8Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,” says the Lord. 9“*You* looked for much, but indeed *it came to* little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?” says the Lord of hosts. “Because of My house that *is in* ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. 10Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. 11For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of *your* hands.”**

**The People’s Obedience**

**12**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 feared the presence of the Lord.** **13**Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, spoke the Lord’s message to the people, saying, “**I *am* with you, says the Lord.”** **14**So the Lord **stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God,** **15**on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

### The Coming Glory of God’s House

### 2 In the seventh *month,* on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying: 2“Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: 3‘Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, *is this* not in your eyes as nothing?  4Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ says the Lord; ‘and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,’ says the Lord, ‘and work; for I *am* with you,’ says the Lord of hosts. 5‘*According to* the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!’

**6**“For thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Once more (it *is* a little while) **I will shake** heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; **7**and **I will shake** all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, **and I will fill** this temple with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts. **8**‘The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts. **9**‘**The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the Lord of hosts.”**

### Promised Blessing

**15**‘And now, **carefully consider from this day forward**: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the Lord— **16**since those *days,* when *one* came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were *but* ten; when *one* came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were *but* twenty. **17**I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not *turn* to Me,’ says the Lord. **18**‘**Consider now from this day forward**, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the Lord’s temple was laid—**consider it**: **19**Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded *fruit.* ***But* from this day I will bless *you.*’** ”

### Zerubbabel Chosen as a Signet

**20**And again the word of the Lord came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, **21**“Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying:

‘**I will shake heaven and earth.  
22I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms;  
I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms.  
I will overthrow the chariots  
And those who ride in them;  
The horses and their riders shall come down,  
Every one by the sword of his brother.**

**23**‘**In that day**,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘**I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,’ says the Lord, ‘and will make you like a signet *ring;* for I have chosen you,’ says the Lord of hosts.”**

* 1. Consider…back to the babies. The question the Lord was asking me is, “Am I willing to be part of the solution?” I’m all about Him getting rid of evil but am I willing to step in and be a part of the good?
     1. Understand, He was teaching me with examples the way He knew I needed to be taught and challenged. In any example I bring today, please take them just as that and let Holy Spirit speak to you however He chooses. The question is, “Are you willing to be part of the solution?”, not will you specifically do the things mentioned today. VERY IMPORTANT!!
     2. My very first thought is, “Wow, I could never do that. It would be so hard!”
  2. Consider…nursing homes.
  3. Consider…education.
  4. Consider…civil and political seats
  5. Consider…church
  6. Consider…the kitchen table (family)
  7. Consider…arts and entertainment
  8. Consider…media
  9. Consider…medical
  10. Consider…THE 7 MOUNTAINS

1. Come Out of Your Panelled Houses
   1. We’ve been praying for God to expose, bring justice, remove, uproot, tear down, build up, plant. He is answering our prayers.
   2. When these places (systems) are torn down and evil removed, are we willing to come out of our houses to fill the places the Lord’s calling us to fill?
   3. Remember Esther?
2. What Are Our Panelled Houses?
   1. Comfort
   2. Routine
   3. Our Time
   4. Don’t have to deal with people or situations.
   5. NOW, GOD INTENDS OUR HOMES TO SANCTUARIES, BUT NOT PLACES TO COWER AND BE LAZY!
   6. What does your paneled house look like? ME! ME! ME!
3. It Will Cost You Something
   1. Time
   2. Money
   3. It may hurt
   4. Complete lifestyle change
   5. Going to work…quitting work
   6. Go back through Haggai in the notes and look at the words in **BOLD.** Let them speak to you.
4. Build the Wall (Nehemiah)
   1. **1**The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

It came to pass in the month of Chislev, *in* the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12298a)] the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12298b)]citadel, **2**that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. **3**And they said to me, “The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province *are* there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem *is* also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.”

**4**So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *for many* days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

And I said: “I pray, Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, *You* who keep *Your* covenant and mercy with those who love [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12302c)]You and observe [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12302d)]Your commandments, **6**please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father’s house and I have sinned. **7**We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. **8**Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘*If* you [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12305e)]are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations; **9**but *if* you return to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, *yet* I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name.’ **10**Now these *are* Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand. **11**O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” For I was the king’s cupbearer.

2:**17**Then I said to them, “You see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lies* [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Nehemiah%202&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12325k)]waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.” **18**And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me.

So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set[[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Nehemiah%202&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12326l)] their hands to *this* good *work.*

**19**But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard *of it,* they laughed at us and despised us, and said, “What *is* this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?”

**20**So I answered them, and said to them, “The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.”

Chapter 3…EACH HAD A PART TO DO! Each had a section of the wall to build and a specific job in building it.

**4**But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. **2**And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—*stones* that are burned?”

**3**Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* beside him, and he said, “Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up *on it,* he will break down their stone wall.”

**4**Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity! **5**Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked *You* to anger before the builders.

**6**So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half Its *height,* **for the people had a mind to work.**

**7**Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Nehemiah%204&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12367a)]gaps were beginning to be closed, that **they became very angry, 8and all of them conspired together to come *and* attack Jerusalem and create confusion. 9Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.**

**10**Then Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is failing, and *there is* so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.”

**11**And our adversaries said, “They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.”

**12**So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, “From whatever place you turn, *they will be* upon us.”

**13Therefore I positioned *men* behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”**

**15**And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and ***that* God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work. 16**So it was, from that time on, *that* half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and *wore* armor; and the leaders [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Nehemiah%204&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12376b)]*were* behind all the house of Judah. **17**Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. **18**Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet *was* beside me.

**19**Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, “The work *is* great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. **20**Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

**21**So we labored in the work, and half of [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Nehemiah%204&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-12381c)]*the men* held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared. **22**At the same time I also said to the people, “Let each man and his servant stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may be our guard by night and a working party by day.” **23**So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, *except* that everyone took them off for washing.

1. The Invitation: No Room For Excuses
   1. Luke 14:16-24

The Parable of the Great Supper

16Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, 17and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ 18But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ 19And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’20Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ 21So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+14%3A14-33&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-25575b)]maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.’ 22And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ 23Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. 24For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”

Leaving All to Follow Christ

25Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*— 29lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, 30saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’? 31Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

* 1. Reasons vs Excuses

1. Dutch Sheets Give Him 15
   1. Jezebel has determined to take from America the inheritance of our fathers. She will do anything to succeed in this. Seduction, immorality, child sacrifice, murder—anything and everything is an option. A weak church in America has enabled this. God rebuked the church at Thyatira in Revelation 2:20 for tolerating the spirit Jezebel. The Greek word translated ‘tolerated’ does not mean to ‘partner with’ or even to ‘excuse the activities of’. It means ‘to leave alone’. This is exactly what the church in America has done: put her head in the sand and act like the evil does not exist. “Leave it alone” and hope it goes away. Many have done this in our elections—stay out of politics, leave it alone And it is certainly what many have done in this current spiritual battle over the elections,--leave it alone. Sadly for some, it is worse than that. They would rather allow a Jezebel spirit to operate and rule this nation than for God to use a person with an immoral past but whom God is now using in an incredible way. They are completely blinded by a religious spirit.
   2. God opened the door for the church to move freely in 2016 and we, as a general rule, did not change much of anything. What’s next…consider?
      1. He will use whom He chooses regardless of past mistakes if that vessel is willing. Example: President Trump said yes and it cost him.
      2. Brandy has often referred to what we’re seeing now as a national deliverance session. If we don’t fill the house…

CONSIDER:

* What is your paneled house?
* Are you willing to come out and say ‘yes’ to what He’s calling you to?
* Are you willing to be uncomfortable? Mocked? Threatened?
* Are you willing to lay own your own agendas and pick up His?
* What’s next? Consider….

I believe whether in one fell swoop, or little by little God Will Restore America to be all she’s called to be… and we KNOW that He will have a bride made ready without spot, wrinkle or blemish.

There are giants in the land, but God has given us this land. Will we be in the group of the 10 spies with a bad report or of the 2 who believed God and ACTED?

Bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth…and the land we’ve been given so He can have His inheritance (and He will have His inheritance) one ‘yes’ at a time!

I believe I’ve heard that in the year 2021, WE WILL FLOURISH!!!