



The Words Of The Prophet - Week 2

“Three Words That Can Save The World”

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Three Words That Can Save The World: Do Not Fear

In the weeks leading up to Advent we’re going to be listening to the voices of the Old Testament prophets...

Biblical prophets aren’t predictors of the future, they hope to shape it.

Prophetic imagination - helps us see beyond our own reality

Today we’re going to be hearing from a prophet who has a unique message for the Church as we await the renewal of all things...

The reality of the Church in our own era...

First the bad news: What do most people think of Christianity today?

Now the good news: There’s a new world, new beginnings...

But none of this is for the faint of heart.

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Before we read—some things we need to know

- *Haggai was a prophet for the remnant—those who had been left behind.*
- *His concern is for the state of the Temple—we need to understand why*
- *The Temple had been the center of religious life, a sign of God’s presence*
- *Haggai’s prophecy speaks to mutually, solidarity and compromise—a shift*
- *God has not abandoned God’s people—the space belonged to God*
- *The glory of this “present” house vs. the glory of the “former” house*

If those of us who call ourselves the Church abandon our fear, and trust that God will do what God always does—we’ll experience God like never before.

Marks Of The “Faithful Fear-Less Remnant”

- *Know That Was Doesn’t Define What Will Be—God is doing new things*
- *Return To The Basics—Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again*
- *Community over Individuality—What unites us in our diversity*
- *Faith over Fear—Not a political statement, or a rash belief; a reality*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Prophetic Imagination

Walter Brueggeman

The Prophets

Abraham J. Heschel

Biblical Prophecy: Perspectives for Christian Theology, et. al

Ellen F. Davis

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