BUILD THE HOUSE

Haggai 1:1-15 (Key verse 8)

Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the LORD. (8)

1. What excuse did the people make for the LORD’s house not to be built? (1:2) What were the people busy with? (4, 6) What did they expect? (9a) But what was the result? (6, 9b) Why did this happen? (9c) How did the Lord respond (10-11) What can we learn here from the Israelites?
2. What did the LORD Almighty first urge them to do and why? (5, 7) Then, what did the LORD command them to do as first priority? (8a) Why did God want them to build the house? (8b) Why would it not be easy to obey God’s instruction? But how did Zerubbabel, Joshua and the whole remnant respond to the word of the LORD? (12a) Why? (12b)
3. After the Israelites decided to build the house of the LORD, what did the LORD promised them? (13) What effect did God’s promise have on the Israelites? (14a) Then what did the Israelites do? (14b) How long after the word first came to Zerubbabel and Joshua did they take action? (1,15) Here what can we learn from them?