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God's Glory, Our Joy?

Haggai 2:7-9, 15-20

⁷ *I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. ⁸ 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. ⁹ 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."*

¹⁵ *"Now give careful thought to this from this day on—consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD's temple. ¹⁶ When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty. ¹⁷ I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did not return to me,' declares the LORD. ¹⁸ 'From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid. Give careful thought: ¹⁹ Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit.*

"From this day on I will bless you."

Haggai is a call to the people to exchange their self-centered living (1:4-5), for a life centered on the glory of God (2:7-9). God challenges the people to 'reorder' their lives to prioritize obedience to God and living for His glory.

Is living for God dreary or delightful? Is living with a radical God glorifying heart restrict my joy or expound it?

1. The glory of God is the purpose of all things (Haggai 2:8-9)
 - a. *"God created us to live with a single passion: to joyfully display His supreme excellence in all the spheres of life. The wasted life is the life without His passion. God calls us to pray and think and dream and plan and work not to be made much of, but to make much of Him in every part of our lives."*
- John Piper



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2. Living for God's glory is not denying myself joy, but the pathway to the greatest joy (2:15-20)

3. The Commands of God are not designed to restrict our joy (2:15-20)

4. Living for God's glory frees us from:
 - a. Having to be the center of the universe
 - b. Chasing after cheap substitutes

Matthew 14:33 - ³³ *Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*