

## ANOTHER PROJECT | HAGGAI 2:10-19

In the book of Haggai, God called out Israel for their out of place priorities. They focused on their personal comfort and had nice houses but left the house of the Lord unfinished. He called them to begin to build the temple again. They received their orders from God through Haggai, and they went to work. But the temple wasn't the only project God gave the Israelites. He didn't just want the temple renovated; He wanted an internal renovation of their souls. They had been going through the motions for years, but their hearts were not in the right place. They were a defiled people who let the world set their agenda, and it was time to allow God to set their agenda. God gives Haggai an object lesson and a history lesson to underscore their need for internal change. He made a promise to them and in doing so communicated that the point of the law itself, is that only faith can produce genuine obedience. What can we learn from Haggai's fourth message?

1. Just as a virus can be transferred, but health is not contagious, sin can be transferred although righteousness can only come from God.
2. When we turn to the Lord there is great prospect for hope in our days ahead.
3. On this side of the cross and resurrection, we must know that there is only one who can touch us and make us righteous and our hope must be solely in Him.