

# **Morning Service**

**The Lord who stirs hearts  
Haggai 1  
Kerr Sewell**

**Before the Lord's eternal throne,  
all nations, bow with holy joy;  
know that the Lord is God alone,  
He can create and can destroy.**

**His sovereign power, without our aid,  
formed us and fashioned us of old;  
and when like wandering sheep  
we strayed,  
He brought us back into His fold.**

**We'll crowd Your gates  
with thankful songs,  
high as the heavens our voices raise;  
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
shall fill Your courts with joyful praise.**

**Wide as the world is Your command,  
vast as eternity Your love;  
firm as a rock Your truth shall stand  
when rolling years have ceased to move.**

**Isaac Watts (1674-1748)**

# Prayer

## *Haggai 1*

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak,

## *Haggai 1*

the high priest: <sup>2</sup> “Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.”

<sup>3</sup> Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,

## *Haggai 1*

<sup>4</sup> “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses, while this house lies in ruins? <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.

## *Haggai 1*

<sup>6</sup> You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

## *Haggai 1*

<sup>7</sup> “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.

<sup>8</sup> Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.

## *Haggai 1*

9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.

## *Haggai 1*

<sup>10</sup> Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.

## *Haggai 1*

<sup>11</sup> And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labours.”

## *Haggai 1*

<sup>12</sup> 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.

## *Haggai 1*

And the people feared the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD."

## *Haggai 1*

<sup>14</sup> And 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.

## *Haggai 1*

And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, <sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

# Children's Talk

**Oh, God He always keeps His promises.**

**He said the sons of Abraham  
would be more than the grains of sand.**

**And so, His family grew  
underneath the Pharaoh's rule.**

**Oh, God He always keeps His promises.**

**He said the blood upon the door  
would keep the Israelites secure.**

**And so, He stayed His hand  
and led them to the Promised Land.**

**Our God is good and true,  
He cannot lie to me and you.  
We can be sure of this:  
God always keeps His promises.**

**Oh, God He always keeps His promises.**

**He gave us laws to be obeyed  
and we broke every one He made.**

**But when we ran from Him  
God said He'd take care of our sin.**

**Our God is good and true,  
He cannot lie to me and you.  
We can be sure of this  
God always keeps His promises.**

**Oh, God He always keeps His promises.  
He said His Son would set us free  
through His death at Calvary.  
He suffered in our place  
and then He rose up from the grave.**

**Our God is good and true,  
He cannot lie to me and you.  
We can be sure of this,  
God always keeps His promises.**

**Bob Kauflin / Jonathan W Althoff**

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# Prayer

**From the breaking of the dawn  
to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save,  
that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
For Your covenant is sure,  
and on this I am secure—  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I stumble and I sin,  
condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**You are faithful to forgive  
that in freedom I might live,  
so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Guilt to innocence restored,  
You remember sins no more—  
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I'm faced with anguished choice,  
I will listen for Your voice,  
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
And You've promised to complete  
ev'ry work begun in me—  
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Hope that lifts me from despair,  
love that casts out ev'ry fear,  
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone,  
for the Comforter has come,  
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
grace for all who will believe—  
we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

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# The Lord Who Stirs Hearts

Haggai 1

Kerr Sewell

# HAGGAI

# Prayer

**Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom His world rejoices, -  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us in His grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Him who reigns  
with Them in highest heaven, -  
the one, eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

# Evening Service

**The unshakeable kingdom  
Haggai 2  
Kerr Sewell**

**Great is the Lord  
and most worthy of praise,  
the city of our God, the holy place,  
the joy of the whole earth.**

**Great is the Lord  
in whom we have the victory,  
He aids us against the enemy,  
we bow down on our knees.**

**And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,  
and Lord, we want to thank You,  
for the works You've done in our lives;  
and Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,  
for You alone are God eternal,  
throughout earth and heaven above.**

**Steve McEwan**

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# Prayer

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea;  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.**

**My name is written on His hands,  
my name is hidden in His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no power can force me to depart  
no power can force me to depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see Him there  
who made an end of all my sin.**

**Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me  
to look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!  
My perfect, sinless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I Am,  
the King of glory and of grace.**

**One with the Lord, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by His blood;  
my life is safe with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Saviour and my God  
with Christ my Saviour and my God.**

**I bow before the cross of Christ  
and marvel at this love divine,  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
to make me righteous in God's eyes.**

**This river's depths I cannot know,  
but I can glory in its flood:  
the Lord most high has bowed down low  
and poured on me His glorious love  
and poured on me His glorious love.**

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## *Haggai 2*

In the seventh month, on  
the twenty-first day of the  
month, the word of the  
LORD came by the hand of  
Haggai the prophet,

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>2</sup> “Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say,

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>3</sup> 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? <sup>4</sup> Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD.

## *Haggai 2*

Be strong, O Joshua, son of  
Jehozadak, the high  
priest. Be strong, all you  
people of the land,  
declares the LORD. Work,  
for I am with you, declares  
the LORD of hosts,

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>5</sup> according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

## *Haggai 2*

6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>7</sup> And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts.

## *Haggai 2*

9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.'”

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>10</sup> On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet,

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>11</sup> “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Ask the priests about the law: <sup>12</sup> ‘If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment and touches with his fold bread or stew or wine or oil or any kind of food, does it become holy?’”

## *Haggai 2*

The priests answered and said, “No.” <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai said, “If someone who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?” The priests answered and said, “It does become unclean.”

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>14</sup> Then Haggai answered and said, “So is it with this people, and with this nation before me, declares the LORD, and so with every work of their hands. And what they offer there is unclean.

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>15</sup> Now then, consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of the LORD, <sup>16</sup> how did you fare? When one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten.

## *Haggai 2*

When one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were but twenty. <sup>17</sup> I struck you and all the products of your toil with blight and with mildew and with hail, yet you did not turn to me, declares the LORD.

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>18</sup> Consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Since the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider:

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>19</sup> Is the seed yet in the barn? Indeed, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have yielded nothing. But from this day on I will bless you.”

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>20</sup> The word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month,  
<sup>21</sup> “Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I am about to shake the heavens and the earth,

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>22</sup> and to overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I am about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother.

## *Haggai 2*

<sup>23</sup> On that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel, declares the LORD, and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares the LORD of hosts.”

**God has spoken – by His prophets,  
spoken His unchanging word;  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord;  
in the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor still holds fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal,  
God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken – by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God, before all time began,  
light of light, to earth descending,  
Man, revealing God to man.**

**God is speaking – by His Spirit  
speaking to our hearts again;  
in the age-long word expounding  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith is standing fast;  
God abides, His word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.**

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# The Unshakeable Kingdom

Haggai 2:1-23

Kerr Sewell

# HAGGAI

# Prayer

**And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?**

**In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above—  
so free, so infinite His grace—  
emptied Himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

**Charles Wesley 1707-88**

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**