

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Haggai 2

Title : Now You're Talking!

Introduction

'Finally, I feel that life is worth living!'

'Now you're talking!'

'I am with you' (1:13)

1. The Future Glory of the Temple (2:1-9)

- 21/07: a word of encouragement
- The temple seemed so insignificant
- 'I am with you' (v. 4)
- The nations will bring their treasure (Isaiah 60)
- The new temple will be even more splendid than Solomon's temple!

2. Uncleanness Removed (2:10-19)

- 24/09 (the day the foundation stone was laid): a prophecy of blessing
- Up to this point I have regarded this people as unclean
- That is why your harvests were poor
- But from now on I will bless you

3. Zerubbabel Exalted (2:20-23)

- 24/09: a message for Governor Zerubbabel (of David's line)
- Kings and temple-building: David and Solomon
- Zerubbabel is acting like a true descendant of David
- Israel's enemies to be overthrown
- Jeremiah's prophecy of rejection (Jer. 22:24-27) is now reversed
- 'I have chosen you.'

Conclusion

What happened to these promises?

Zerubbabel? Nations bringing their riches?

The people continue to struggle (Ezra 7-10; Nehemiah)

Fulfilment comes through Jesus: of David's line; he takes the place of the temple

And for us: if we want God's blessing, we must heed God's call?

'Now you're talking! Now I know you mean business!'