

9:30 Morning Worship Service:

Haggai 2:1-9

The Glory is Here

I. The Glory of God Appears to be Gone. (1-3)

II. Do Not Despair! (4-5)

- A. Be strong! (note: repeated 3x)
- B. Work hard!
- C. God is still with us.
- D. His Spirit is among you.

III. God's Glory Will Again Appear Abundantly. (6-9)

- A. The Messiah will bring all the nations into the kingdom.
- B. His glory will be greater than any past glory seen in Israel.
- C. His peace will be an everlasting peace.

Do we think of ourselves as members of the body of Christ? As members of FCCW? Yes (well, maybe), but of something much larger? As adopted into the Family of God? As being the 'crown jewels' in the crown of Christ? His earthly ministry, his life here, his sufferings, his death, his resurrection, were all given gladly by him to obtain us and present us as his most treasured possession to the Father. We look at the horror of what Christ went through for us. He saw it as a joy. May we meditate on the words of Hebrews 12:2 this week, "*Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*"

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. *Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses ...* No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so *I will be with you*. I will not leave you or forsake you. *Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.* Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? *Be strong and courageous.* Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

First Samuel 4:19-22

Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that *the ark of God was captured*, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or pay attention. And she named the child Ichabod, saying, "*The glory has departed from Israel!*" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

Revelation 21:22-27

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for *the glory of God gives it light*, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Philippians 2:5-7

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, *by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*