Oh God! What have I done? (Haggai 1:13)

Christmas Celebration

For work to do and strength to work: for the fruitfulness of labor, for exchanges of good humor and encouragement, thank you, God. For marriage: for the mystery and joy of flesh made one, for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared,

thank you, God.

For family:

for living together and eating together,

for family amusements and support,

thank you, God.

For children:

for their energy and curiosity,

for their beautiful spirit and startling frankness,

thank you, God.

For the young:

for their high hopes, for their boldness to dream and make a difference,

thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old: for wisdom deepened by experience, for rest in leisure, thank you, God. For your help in times of doubt and sorrow: for healing our diseases,

for preserving us in temptation and danger,

thank you, God.

People :Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things. Pastor: Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work. People :Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully into Your hands: Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to Your pleasure and disposal.

Oh God! What Have I Done?

What will be the tone of this question for you?

- "Thus says the LORD of hosts: This people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD" (v.2).
 - "This people" = "not my people", God's displeasure toward them
 - "Time has not yet come" = Lord's house can wait, have to give way to own house

• "Consider your way..." (v.5 & 7)

Their Effort	Their Result
Sown Much	Harvest Little
Eat	Never Enough
Drink	Never Fill
Earn Wages	Never Sufficient (into a bag of holes)

o "Consider your way..." (v.5 & 7)

- Heavens withhold dew
- Earth withheld produce
- Drought on the land, hill, grain, wine, oil, on what the ground brings forth
- O Drought on man, beast, and all their labors

• "I am with you, declares the LORD" (v.13)

- Decided to do the first thing first
- Obey the voice of the Lord, their God = God's people

"The acceptance came before they start to rebuild."

House of the Lord

Priority, the Demonstration of our Allegiance

Regardless how legitimate our reasons may seem to be, it is not-a-good-enough reason to procrastinate on what God has instructed, deluding oneself into thinking that the time has not yet come.

Oh God! What Have I Done?

- What have I done with my life for this year?
- Have I been faithful in building the house of the Lord both individually and as a church?
 - Have I prioritized my life as according to your command?