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**Today's Scripture Passage: Haggai 2:1-9 (ESV)**

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## **“The Best Is Yet to Come”**

(Haggai 2:1-9)

*“We become forgetful that Jesus is the prophet of the losers’ not the victors’ camp, the one who proclaims that the first will be last, that the weak are the strong and the fools are the wise”*

~ Malcolm Muggeridge (1927–1990)

**Because \_\_\_\_\_ is inevitable in a fallen world, God graciously reminds us that our labor is not in vain. He comforts us today with three precious promises: “I am with you” (v. 4), “I have not forgotten you” (v. 5), and “the best is yet to come” (v. 6–9).**

**1. Discouragement (vv. 1–3).**

**2. Exhortation (vv. 4–5).**

**3. Promise (vv. 6–9)**

*“Moreover, I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God. The cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from Beyond the River”.*

(Ezra 6:8)

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