

**Wives' Tale #2 – Experiencing both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is Incompatible (vv 15-19)**

- A. God \_\_\_\_\_ us for happiness and to \_\_\_\_\_ happiness
  
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ happiness is experiencing optimum ecstasy in \_\_\_\_\_
  
- C. The Key - Make sure the passion for \_\_\_\_\_ intersects with practise of \_\_\_\_\_

**Wives' Tale #3 – Once \_\_\_\_\_, Always \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 20-23)**

- A. God is a curse shattering God
  
- B. Jesus Christ will be the ultimate curse (Galatians 3:13-14)

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ARE YOU...



**PART THREE:  
Are You Living for Happiness or Holiness?**

# Are You Living by Myth or Promise?

(This is the 3rd in a series of messages on Haggai: Are You?)

*Haggai 2:10-23*

An old wives' tale is a type of urban legend, similar to a proverb, which is generally passed down by old wives to a younger generation. Such "tales" usually consist of superstition, folklore or unverified claims with exaggerated and/or untrue details.

They were generally propagated by illiterate women, telling stories to each other or to children. The stories did not attempt to moralize, but to teach lessons and make difficult concepts like death or coming of age easy for children to understand. Ever heard that making silly faces when the wind direction changes will make the silly face permanent?

In Haggai 2:10-23, God's prophet sought to undo some of the most obvious old wives' tales of that day. Included were such tales as physically touching something holy makes one holy. Another one was you can't be happy if you pursue being holy. And, yet, another one was "Once cursed, Always cursed". Unfortunately this kind of "stinking thinking" exists today keeping us from being all that God would have us to be. So that is why the prophet Haggai reminds us to - "Consider your ways from this day onward."

"Are you?"

**Idea:** Sin is very pervasive but our God is a curse shattering God. By making the right choices from a pure heart, curses can give way as God inaugurates a new time to be blessed.

## Wives' Tale #1 – Godliness is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 10-14)

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ is not transmittable (vv 10-12)

1. Holy touches \_\_\_\_\_ = The unholy object remains \_\_\_\_\_
2. The state of one's \_\_\_\_\_ is the critical issue

### B. \_\_\_\_\_ is transmittable (vv 13-14)

1. Unholy touches \_\_\_\_\_ = The holy object becomes \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sin is very \_\_\_\_\_!