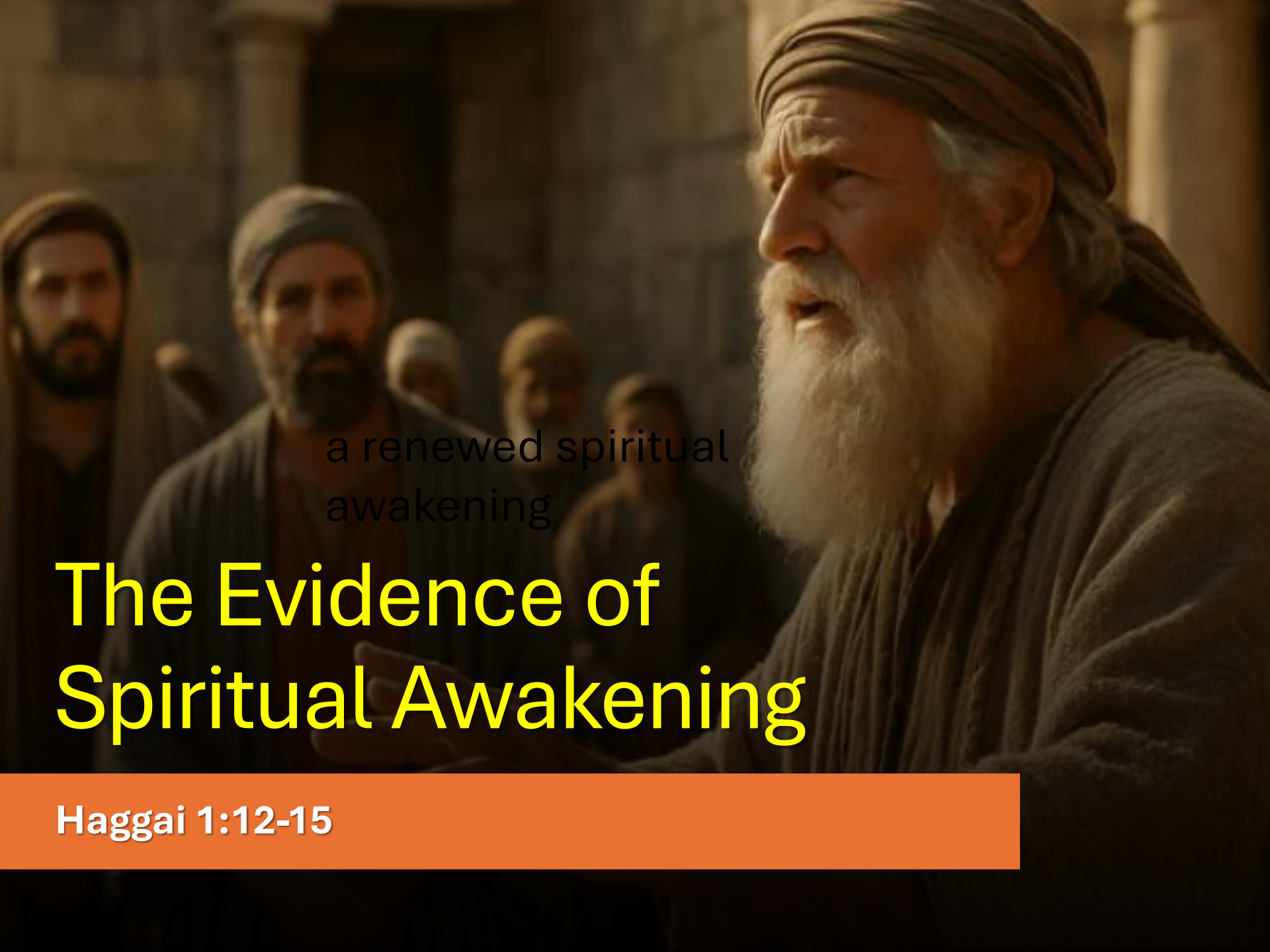


A man with a long white beard and a turban, likely a prophet, is shown in profile, speaking to a group of men in a stone building. The men in the background are also wearing turbans and robes, and the scene is lit with warm, golden light.

a renewed spiritual
awakening

The Evidence of Spiritual Awakening

Haggai 1:12-15

The People's Attitude Towards God

- The first evidence that spiritual awakening had taken place was seen in the people's attitude towards God.
- Prior to Haggai's preaching, the people had little concern for God's glory or regard for His Person.
- After Haggai's first message, the people "*feared the Lord.*"
- Where fear of God is restored, a renewed spiritual awakening will begin.

The People's Attitude Towards God's Servant

- Haggai was the first prophet God raised to minister to His people since their return from Babylon.
- The people acknowledged that Haggai was a divinely appointed prophet.
- The people recognized that Haggai was not expressing his own opinions but was the human means through whom God was speaking to them.
- The people accepted what Haggai said as “*the voice of the Lord their God.*”

The People's Attitude to God's Word

- God called for a change in their attitude that would be seen in a corresponding tangible change in their conduct.
- Having heard what God wanted them to do, the people obeyed.
- *“They came and began work on the house of the Lord Almighty their God.”*
- The people's obedience was both universal and prompt.

Conclusion

- Obedience to God's Word is evidence of spiritual awakening.
- When God speaks, it is our duty to obey.
- When we do not obey, we are acting like atheists.
- We all need to truly fear the Lord.

