

1. John 3:14-15.

2. Their actual reason was not sufficient.

"The

soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." Verse 4.

It was not a reason worthy of the people of God for:

1. It pointed to purely external difficulties

1. We dishonor God greatly when we are discouraged by difficulties rising entirely outside ourselves.

2. We need a Habakkuk to say; 3:17-18;

1. Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines.....

2. The labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat.

3. The flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

4. Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation

2. 2. It was a negligent and ungrateful omission to consider reasons for encouragement.

1. Even though it was hard, it was a mercy there was a way at all.

3. There are two states of heart which God will prove: 1. When his people in spite of the way, are grateful and cheerful. 2-

Get real humble our attitudes. when every thing is pleasant and attractive

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