

Whatever Can Be Shaken Will Be Shaken

‘For thus says the Lord of hosts; Yet once more I will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all nations’ (Haggai 2:6).

‘Yet once more I will shake the earth and also the heavens. Now this expression, “Yet once more”, indicates the final transformation of all that can be shaken – that is, of that which has been created in order that what cannot be shaken may remain. Let us therefore, receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship’ (Hebrews 12:25 to 28).

God is not only shaking things on earth – He is also shaking things in heaven. ‘All the foundations of the earth are shaking’ (Psalm 82:5). ‘The powers of the heavens will be shaken’ (Matthew 24:29 & 30). Every Christian needs to be prepared to be shaken, and that is not easy. Why would God shake His people? To discipline us and purify us for the Kingdom of God (Titus 2:14); to separate the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32). Remember, this Gospel is a Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Matthew 24:14); it is the power unto salvation. The Kingdom of God is the only thing that can never be shaken, and Christians who make Jesus their Rock and Fortress will not be greatly shaken either. ‘He is my Rock and my Salvation, my Defence and my Fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken’ (Psalm 62:2 & 6). God is at work in all the world, shaking everyone and everything everywhere. There is no use asking God not to shake us, because it is in His will and power to do it. ‘Our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases’ (Psalm 115:3). It is His purpose to shake everything so that only the things that cannot be shaken will be left.

What can be shaken? Empires, nations, governments, monarchies, banks, businesses, churches, families, individuals and anything else that is not eternal. The only way we can cope with God’s shaking, is to commit ourselves into the mighty hand of God (1 Peter 5:6). He is the only security mankind has (Psalm 91). We are told very firmly not to love the world or the things in it (1 John 2:15 to 17). We cannot mix the love of God with the love of the world. If our hearts are set on the world and the things the world can offer, the love of the Father is not in us; that means we would love the world more than we love God. The love of things in the world are not of the Father – that is they are not of God.

The three sins that lead to eternal destruction; the lust of flesh, the lust of the eyes and pride of life – of which pride is the single biggest problem – are sins from the world, and can keep us trapped and bound to the things we have in the world. This world along with some of heaven, is eventually going to pass away and be burned up (2 Peter 3:10). Nobody has a permanent home here on earth. If we try to make our home in this world, then we will be greatly shaken, but he who does the will of God lives forever. Even when we are shaken, if we are founded on the Rock (Jesus) and are doing the will of God, we will not be swept away (Matthew 7:25 to 27). What is the ultimate will of God? The coming of His Kingdom to earth as we read in the Lord’s prayer. ‘Your Kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’ (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2). That is His ultimate purpose and that is why we need to proclaim the full Gospel in all the world before He comes. We need to seek the Kingdom of God first and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). God is busy preparing us for His Kingdom to come to earth. That is why the Lord is shaking His people. Many Christians are being shaken by severe circumstances to purify them and make them ready for His coming. Being shaken by God can be most unpleasant, but if we yield to His discipline, we will be purified and therefore ready to usher in His Kingdom when He comes.

Amen and God bless you.

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