

THE SHAKING . . . of the Church

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Hebrews 12:25-29 NIV—“See to it that you do not refuse Him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused Him who warned them on earth, HOW MUCH LESS WILL WE, IF WE TURN AWAY FROM HIM WHO WARNS US FROM HEAVEN? ²⁶At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our “God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 12:25-29 AMP—²⁵So see to it that you do not reject Him or refuse to listen to and heed Him Who is speaking [to you now]. For if they [the Israelites] did not escape when they refused to listen and heed Him Who warned and divinely instructed them [here] on earth [revealing with heavenly warnings His will], how much less shall we escape if we reject and turn our backs on Him Who cautions and admonishes [us] from heaven?

²⁶Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens. ²⁷Now this expression, yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken--that is, of that which has been created--in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue. ²⁸Let us therefore, receiving a Kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe; ²⁹For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire.”

Haggai 2:6-8 NIV—“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will ONCE MORE SHAKE the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty. ⁸ ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

There has been much prophecy over the last few years in regards to “a Shaking” that the LORD is bringing. In fact, in 2006 the LORD gave me a word about the coming Shaking. But I believe, for the most part, many Christians have no idea of what that Shaking will look like and they certainly are not taking it personal! Many see the *Shaking* as an event God will release on the *world*, but not the Church! But I’m here to tell you Church, that God is going to shake the Church—that’s me and you! This Shaking will be a PERSONAL SHAKING, as much as, a corporate and world Shaking.

The LORD tells me that He will NOT shake the world until He does indeed shake His Church—i.e. His Body, first. Unfortunately, we are not taking this very serious—we are not taking it to heart because most of the Church believes they are just fine the way they are. As a prophet, however, I see something entirely and very different. We are *not* okay or fine just the way we are—this is becoming very clear and it’s getting very closely past time to wake up!

Now, I fully realize that I will be accused of not seeing the glass half full or of being negative—in a positive world! I guess the same would be said of the God who presented Himself in judgment to the



Israelites and, as well, Jesus who took the whip into the Temple to chase out the money changers and to confront the Pharisees and Sadducees the way He did. Yes, He called them hypocrites, blind guides, blind fools, whitewashed tombs and a brood of vipers all in one chapter—Matthew 23!). I don’t think anyone can accuse Jesus—the Author of Love—of not being a positive person!

Much of the Church does not understand God’s discipline, warnings, or judgment and how these are even a part of His great goodness (not being evil) desiring us to change, shift, get our lives in order with His will and Kingdom. Hebrews 11:25 tells us that the *Shaking is a warning*. That He brings a Shaking

to warn us, wake us up and prepare us for what He has for us in this Hour. I believe we have some serious decisions to make and NOW!

I believe the LORD is showing me that there are four major demonic influences of oppression that God is going to begin to SHAKE OUT of or OFF the Church and it's going to be uncomfortable. It will even hurt a little. As a result, many will not like nor accept it and believe it or not, will continue to resist and fight the LORD on the removal of these demon influences. But again, He is warning us.

Defining “to Shake”

Just to be clear, our English dictionary defines *shake* as: *to move or sway with short, quick, irregular vibratory movements; to become dislodged and fall; to [specifically] move something, or its support or container.* Similarly, from Strong's, the Greek word for shake is *seio*, which means *to agitate (metaphor—to agitate the mind); cause to tremble; to be thrown into a tremor, or to quake for fear.*

While the English definition is definitely apropos, the Greek word more adequately defines the warning that is coming in this Shaking of His Church. We will be agitated, i.e. troubled, unsettled, upset, or disturbed as God brings a new Kingdom alignment order to our life. We may tremble –not being afraid of God, but having a revelation of the fear of God that causes us to have a new respect and be in awe of Him. When this comes, we will see how small we really are in respect to His unfathomable greatness.

So, the LORD says that He is bringing this 4-Fold Shaking—warning.

1. God is going to Shake “false holiness” from His Church.

Hebrews 10:10 AMP tells us, *“And in accordance with this will [of God] we [who believe in the message of salvation] have been sanctified [that is, set apart as holy for God and His purposes] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) once for all.”*

Strong's tells us that *holy* means *to be set apart or sanctified* by God. It means *to be different, unlike.* For the Believer it means *to have the likeness of Christ presenting a very real difference from the world.*

The LORD says that too many know they are sanctified and holy, but seldom do they think or act like it. In other words, holiness does not come through in the thinking or actions.

False Holiness. *False is phony, counterfeit, artificial, pretend, insincere, untrue, incorrect, deceitful, misleading!*

The Church has developed a false holiness that God is going to shake from us. Currently, much of the Church acts holy only at church or certain other times. When we go home we change both our minds and actions! This is nothing new and it's a subject that has dominated Sunday sermons for generations, but to no avail much of the time. *Acting holy is not being holy.*

Hebrews 4:13—*“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”*

Many have no intentions of changing their lifestyles (deception). Others are in a great struggle to change through self-help or through the power of self-discipline but can't seem to make headway—that's pride. God is shaking the “do-it-yourselfers!”

True holiness produces true thoughts and actions birthed out of revelation and humility. True holiness comes in and upon our reliance, belief and trust, gratefulness and gratitude (humility) on Christ-given holiness. True holiness is a heart condition based on the finished work of Jesus Christ that is meant to work in our mind to develop a mindset 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Yes, we will make mistakes and might even sin, but the INTENT OF OUR HEART will be first of all, submitted and obedient to God and willing to repent (change, think differently) quickly in order to stay in true holiness. Submission, obedience and repentance is what separates us, sanctifies us, makes us different and more like Christ.

False holiness is a pious attitude that puts up a great front, but inside it is filthy. It rejects the true Word of God. People with this spirit may even recite Scripture, but it is far from their hearts. Jesus quoting Isaiah 29:13 said: *“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me”* (Matthew 15:8). Again, those under this spirit will leave the church on Sunday mornings and resume

the intentions of their unholy nature. And, it's not in the ways you think. For instance, many don't go home and start drinking or gambling or beating the wife and kids, but rather they go back into their unbelief and encourage others in their unbelief. I have heard Christians counsel others saying, "Oh, you don't need to tithe, you can't afford it." Or, I have heard Christians deny Christ, His Body, "You don't have to go to church to serve God! You're okay." Or, many continue to believe and go along with the world's deceptions and grand agendas for this time—from abortion to homosexuality, both of which are developing at a high rate and carry a very dangerous antichrist agenda. Yet there are "Christians" who secretly agree with them.

The Word of God says just the exact opposite of all of this. All of this is false holiness and it is defiling many from being able to prosper. It's against the Word of God.

God is going to shake off false holiness and bring His true Church into a holiness—a set apartness that will bring an extraordinary understanding/revelation of the righteousness given us and with it an extraordinary peace!

2. God is going to Shake Idolatry from His Church.

Idolatry is huge in the Church today. There are so many other things that the Church gives focus to and priority to over God and His work upon the earth. These things are a type of fixation for many. In other words, these things come *first*.

God is going to SHAKE idols out of our lives: Career/jobs, people/relationships, material things, hobbies, entertainment and the like—even sicknesses (emotional and physical) that some hold onto for attention.

The Bible tells us that we are to have no other gods before Him (Exodus 20:3) and that we are to love God with our ALL (Mark 12:30). So, God is going to shake some of these things off. It will not be comfortable; in fact, it will agitate because for so many, their identity and destiny have been in these and not in Him. But if we allow and cooperate with the Shaking, a new order will come into our life and with it much blessing and success! God is Good!

Unfortunately, many are going to hold on to these idols for dear life. In this case they will be allowed to keep them; however, it will bring a separation versus a set apartness. God will not compete with another god and He's not going to pry it (or them) off our fingers. If we want "that relationship" over a powerful relationship with Him—we can have it our way. For example if we want a career, at all costs, and over Him—it's all ours. We will see if that stone we have shaped into an idol will save us.

I'm not trying to be harsh. But this is the warning.

3. God is going to Shake Religion off His Church.

Religion looks good and is such a stronghold that those under it are virtually unconscious to it. It has become a way of life for many. And no one can tell them differently—not even Holy Spirit Himself. They not only want, but actually seek after, more rules and regulations to "save them". To them, rules and regulations of religion represent holiness or even closer contact with God. Nothing could be further from the truth! Jesus had some words in regards to this (see Matthew 23).

The LORD is going to shake off religion and works. Most readily agree that we are saved by grace: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"* (Ephesians 2:8). But the LORD says that many do not live their lives this way. Many have developed a host of strict works and with them, rules and regulations by which they live their lives in order to be saved.

Yes, we are to work—to serve (we can't go in the opposite direction here either! There's a Godly balance): *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for GOOD WORKS, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10).

The problem is not the rules and regulations—of course, in many respects we are to have these—rather, it is about the condition of the heart and mind. Or, "the WHY?".

The LORD is saying, "The mentality "to work" for salvation is deeply ingrained in many and it is suffocating true faith, true grace and freedom in them. There is such a deep deception in so many that I must shake it off of them."

I felt when the LORD said this that religion is so strong in many because it has been handed down from generation to generation. So it is deep and wide—virtually part of their foundation and stuck to them.

One other area of religion that is literally sweeping the Christian Church today is Judaism! In our sympathy and support for Israel, some are becoming intertwined back with Judaism subtly, slowly, meticulously and dangerously! While our roots are in Judaism, we are not to become Jews! We are Christians and our Father is Abraham (Galatians 3:29). Beware and be careful! We are not to take on the regulations of Judaism through the Law!

This kind of talk may incite and anger some of those who have already fallen deep into Judaism—anger is one of the symptoms behind religion; it gets infuriated very quickly and begins to judge and accuse others.

Christians are not to get encumbered with Jewish law and traditions (Galatians 2-4!). Paul called the Galatians foolish and asked, *“Who has bewitched you?”* He goes on to say, *“Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?”* (Galatians 3:3). Paul says in Galatians 4:8-11—*“⁸Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. ⁹But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? ¹⁰You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.”*

Judaism is WORKS! It is LAW-BASED AND WORKS. And, most importantly, it excludes Jesus as the Christ or Messiah. Once we start participating in its weak and miserable principles, as Paul calls them, we will be enslaved by them!

We are not to be EVANGELIZED or disciplined by Judaism. We are to be careful in our “mixing”, where a dangerous transfer can happen! We are FREE Believers under Christ Jesus—clothed with Christ and justified by faith.

The other area of shaking as related to Judaism is the great heretical teaching being released and taught right now that Jesus Christ did not come first for the Jews, or that Christians have replaced the Jews. Both are heretical at its best. Indeed, Jesus came first for the Jew and then for the Gentile (Matthew 10:6; 15:26; Romans 2:10). In other words, it was God's intention that His people come to Messiah and under His New Covenant.

Many in the church are ruled by a religious spirit and do not know it, but if they will be true to themselves, they will see that they have only a form of godliness, but no power! This is one of the sure signs of a ruling religious spirit—“. . . *having a form of godliness but denying its power*" (2 Tim. 3:5). There is no REAL FRUIT produced in this!

God wants to release His supernatural anointing in this Hour, but it will *not* be on those who have a religious spirit! So, He is *SHAKING* His people free from this spirit and this Shaking will go against every part of grain in them! It will be very uncomfortable and for many, even a little fearful. Thus, many will resist the shaking!

4. God is going to Shake Deception off His Church.

Proverbs 14:12—*"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."* We cannot lean on the devil's deceptions to receive from God! God does not do things the devils way! Never! Ever!

God desires to bless His people in these Last Days in great measure for various and important reasons. One reason is so we will do the works of our LORD Jesus Christ and the greater works. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father" (John 14:12).

To do these greater works is to magnify and glorify our LORD Jesus Christ.

Another area of Shaking is going to be in the area of dangerous doctrine. The LORD was showing me that many have adopted dangerous doctrine specifically in the area of Holy Spirit. Very, very dangerous! His Church has not only denied and ignored the Holy Spirit, but has grieved His Holy Spirit.

God has had grace and mercy in this area up to this point, but it is all about to change. Holy Spirit is our Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Standby and more. He is here in place of Jesus to empower us into the ministry of Jesus—in every respect!

Much will be tolerated by the LORD; but denying His Spirit will not.

Finally, another of those reasons is the *transfer of wealth* (Pro. 13:22; Ecc. 2:26; Is. 23:18). This transfer of wealth, contrary to most popular belief in the Church today, is prophesied to happen. God desires that His people prosper! Our overall spiritual and physical health is related to it (3 John 1:2); as well as, the ministry of Christ going forth!

A religious spirit will not be able to understand or apprehend this. As well, God cannot transfer wealth to a person who has a spirit of poverty. Why? They cannot be trusted! Just as evil as a rich man to trust in his riches is a person in poverty who has a hoarding mentality. Neither can, nor will, GIVE!

God is going *SHAKE* His Church free from this demonic spirit of deception with its cohorts and it will not be pretty!