

I Will Shake All Things TS020

– Part 1 – The Nations 4344

I. Yet Once More (Heb. 12:25–29; Hag. 2:6)

A. I will shake . . .

1. Heaven
2. Earth
3. Sea
4. Dry land
5. All nations

B. Do you believe in the judgment of God? (John 16:8)

1. The Holy Spirit will convict of:
 - a. Sin—everything that departs from what is straight.
 - b. Righteousness
 - c. Judgment
2. There are two judgments:
 - a. One for unbelievers—for condemnation
 - b. The other for Christians—assessment for rewards
3. The Savior is also the judge:
 - a. Of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42–43)
 - b. All men everywhere (Acts 17:30–31)
Therefore repent and prepare to meet the judge (Jesus)
 - c. Parable of the Pounds (Minas) (Luke 19)
 - (1) Wickedness equated to laziness
 - (2) Those who reject Jesus' rule: “slay them before Me”

II. Nothing That Can Be Shaken Will Remain Unshaken

A. Three shakings

1. Preliminary—already begun
2. Intermediate—probably not yet begun
3. Final—certainly not yet begun

B. What can be shaken? Picture of the house on the rock (Luke 6:46–49). No difference in the severity of the test (storm)

1. Individual lives
2. Households (Matt. 12:25)
 - a. “A house divided against itself”
 - b. Break-up of families
 - c. Hordes of unparented children
3. Institutions not founded on the teaching of Jesus (i.e., Savings and Loan failure, businesses, governments [e.g., Soviet Union], religious institutions)
4. Material structures (Is. 2:12ff; 30:25)—great slaughter when the towers fall
5. The whole earth (Rev. 6:12)—every mountain and island moved out of place
6. Heavenly bodies (Matt. 24:29)—sun, moon, stars, powers of heaven

II. No One Is Exempted (Is. 24:1–6)

- A. Three reasons why:
 - 1. Transgressed the law
 - 2. Changed the ordinance
 - 3. Broke the everlasting covenant
- B. Shaking continues (Is. 24:17)
- C. Climax appointed by God (Is. 24:21)
 - 1. Establishment of Lord's kingdom on earth with Jerusalem as capital
 - 2. Thy kingdom come
 - 3. Triple glory: Jesus, the Father, the angels (Luke 9:26)
 - 4. One thing sinful man cannot bear (Rev. 6:14)

III. Root Cause: Degeneration of Human Character (2 Tim. 3:1–5)

- A. Pride — Remedy: confession of sins
- B. Carnality — when we think, act and live as if this world is our home – not living in the consciousness of eternal issues
- C. Decline of human character
 - 1. Everything is corrupt
 - 2. God's remedy: make all things new
- D. People who have a form of godliness – from such turn away
- E. Underlying force: the occult (verse 14: evil men, enchanters)
- F. Remedy: 2 Timothy 3:16
 - 1. Doctrine, reproof, instruction in righteousness
 - 2. The Scripture
 - 3. The Word (chapter 4:1)

– Part 2 – The Church 4345

I. Practical Response

- A. Build a foundation on the Word of Jesus
 - 1. Hear
 - 2. Obey
- B. In what ways?—What kind of persons should we be? (2 Peter 3:11–12)
 - 1. Be holy in conduct and godliness (2 Cor. 6:17–7:1)
 - a. Come out from among them (unbelievers)
 - b. Be separate—set apart to God
 - c. Do not touch what is unclean (mental attitudes, what we look at [TV])—guard your mind/heart
 - (1) Cleanse ourselves
 - (2) Filthiness of the flesh: sexual immorality, swearing, drunkenness
 - (3) Filthiness of the spirit: contact with the occult, horoscopes, false philosophies
 - d. Perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord
 - 2. Look for the “glorious hope” (Titus 2:11–14)

- a. Jesus purifies
- b. Purify yourself (1 John 3:1–3)
- c. One standard: Jesus
- 3. Hasten the coming of the day of God. How? (Peter 3:12)
 - a. How? Matt. 24:14—This gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end shall come.
 - b. Who? Us. If we don't, we're delaying the coming of the day.
 - (1) The bride makes *herself* ready
 - (2) Wedding garment—fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints
 - (3) Translate imputed righteousness to outworked righteousness

II. Four Practical Ways to Express Obedience to Word of God

- A. Align yourself with God's purpose (Matt. 6:9–10)
 - 1. Your kingdom come: Primary objective for everything we do
 - 2. Seek *first*, not second or third (Matt. 6:33)
 - 3. Example of Jonah
 - a. Every step was downward when he turned away from God
 - b. Only Jonah had the answer—but he was asleep!
- B. Cultivate endurance
 - 1. To stay saved, you must endure (Matt. 24:13)
 - a. Hated by all (Luke 21:17ff)
 - b. By your endurance purchase your souls (Is. 55:1—buy without money, i.e., prayer, seeking God, in the Word, etc.)
 - c. Buy gold and white raiment, not with money (Rev. 3:18)
 - 2. Count it all joy when you encounter trials (James 5:7–11)
 - a. Patience—passive, doing nothing
 - b. Endurance—“remaining under,” staying there
 - c. Perseverance—enduring, doing something and keeping on doing it
- C. Waiting (Heb. 9:28)—eagerly
 - 1. Do two things (1 Thess 1:9–10)
 - a. Serve
 - b. Wait for His Son
 - 2. God acts on behalf of those who *wait* for Him (Is. 64:4)
 - 3. Waiting is one of the tests—shows dependence on God
 - a. Abraham waited 25 years
 - b. Joseph waited in an Egyptian jail (Ps. 105:17ff)
 - c. Moses waited 40 years (Num. 12:13)
 - d. David waited 15 years as a dog on the mountains
- D. Cultivate a positive attitude—expectation
 - 1. Negative thought: Meet it with a positive confession (Is. 61:3)
 - 2. Overcome evil by good (Rom. 12:21)—actively practice good
 - 3. Rev. 21:7—He who overcomes all things will be My son