

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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The Foundations Are Shaken

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Ps 11.3)

The foundations are shaken. It is written in the Psalms "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh [but] in vain" (Ps 127.1).

There are "churches" all over that are "just meeting." People are **not** hungry for the Lord Jesus Christ. How many of us really are – no, I mean really hungry for more and more of Jesus? People want to come together for fun and fellowship.

The foundations are shaken and are continuing to shake. Remember the Israelites and how the temple and the walls of the city of Jerusalem were destroyed? The Lord is not going to bless a house built upon the sand, upon our own goodness, upon our own wise counsels, upon ourselves.

The Word of God speaks of the foundations being shaken.

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature (Rom 1.21-26)

The foundations are shaken and are shaking. We have seen "church" marquees that make one cringe, such as: "Be as good as your pet thinks you are!" "Jesus worships with us here." "Walmart is not the only saving place." Where in the "churches" is the Lord Jesus Christ and the standard He set in the Bible, His holiness and His righteousness! The temple is crumbling. Recall

Where are the righteous? I am talking of pastors of old, where are they? The Old Testament speaks of the priests of the Lord, the righteous, who were the foundation of the Church of Israel. Where are they? Today, there are those who insist on the individual priesthood of the believer, and – yet, yet they are not living it; they want no accountability. They just want what they see as the power in being called a "priest"/pastor/minister. They are not living out the responsibility to which a pastor, priest, elder, or bishop are called. Where – where are the righteous?

What can the righteous do? The righteous need to go to the throne of grace, to God in Christ Jesus, and plead with Him that we would have holy boldness to stand for the Truth of Jesus Christ, interceding for all saints, to stand against attempts of such subverters of the foundations. THE RIGHTEOUS ARE TO BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER, the body of Christ, and **constantly affirm their most holy faith** – though many deny it; they should contend earnestly for it, and **stand fast in Jesus Christ** (Isa 8.17).

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

The Message, “Build the Temple,” January, 2012? Few are listening. February, 2012, *The Message* was, “Ask for the Old Paths.” Many people do not care for the “old paths” as they are on a different path, the broad way that leads to destruction and many there be that enter – today (Mt 7.13).

Isaiah wrote concerning this broad way:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Isa 5.20)

And, yet, this continues. Many are not hungry for the “old paths,” *The Way of the Lord Jesus Christ*. Paul writes of this in II Timothy 4.3, 4:

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away [*their*] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Romans 16.17 makes it clear, however, when there are those walking in their own ways, doing what is convenient for them, what feels good – that which is not of the Lord Jesus Christ; there is a line of demarcation; avoid them. The Lord Jesus says we are to walk the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross*, at all times, to teach the Word with our walk: when I rise, when I lie down, when I am at home [with the family], when I am away from home (Dt 6.4-9).

The foundations are shaken. Remember in Jeremiah 6.16, where the people said, We will **not** walk therein – the “old paths.” This is what is being said today and lived out in many “churches” whether in a proper building or house church or studies, or whatever. People want to glean what makes them feel good, what gives them information, facts in the world’s understanding, believing they are “doing okay.”

There are those who are denying Jesus Christ as the only Begotten Son of God (I Jn 2.22, 26). There are many ways in which people deny Jesus Christ as the only Begotten Son of God. Satan is so subtle, and he will use any vessel that is open to him. One church marquee correctly asked, “Do you think more of tolerance than Truth?”

Satan has come in and the foundations are shaken and continue shaking. The foundations have crumbled. This nation has already been taken down – because the foundations are shaken in those who say they know Jesus – all too often. You can paint the house all you want and do all the cosmetics you want to the house, but the house has already fallen because the foundation has already been broken into many pieces – waiting for Satan to lean on the wall so you can visibly see it and then feel the walls come down.

When walls do come down, people are going to die and go out into eternity without Jesus Christ, and – hear me well: Ezekiel says clearly, we who know Jesus Christ will have their blood on our hands if we have **not** been straight forward with them (Eze 3.17-27), compelling them to repent of their sins and ask Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior (Lk 14.23). We are commanded to speak forth the truth of God in Christ Jesus.

The foundations are shaken and continue shaking. The walls are already down. Although many do not or cannot hear, the Lord will not dwell in the midst of a people who are living blasphemous lives. Acting, yes, acting like all is well, when we need to be at the mourners’ bench – **each of us!**

Recall the deluge, the flood, in the days of Noah? God will once more shake the heavens and the earth when we will cease to be a nation – not one stone shall be left upon another; and, yet, such is the obstinacy of wicked judges that they will persist in their wicked ways even in the midst of tribulation (Eze 22.25-31). The “churches” have set their threshold by the thresholds of God as have individuals as Ezekiel 43.7-9 states.

Woe to them who say miracles of Satan are from the Lord Jesus Christ, who cannot discern the power of the Lord Jesus, His voice – those who do not even care from where the miracles come. The Bible speaks of those who are into signs and wonders BUT **not** the Sign-giver, Jesus Christ (Mt 7.20-23).

The foundations are shaken and continue shaking. What can the righteous do? Maybe the question is, “Where are the righteous?” I wonder how many of us are willing to get on our knees and seek the Lord, seek His face – at all costs. No, not pray just this moment, but daily get on our knees and seek the Lord Jesus in my life, in our lives, and for the lost and dying, for those who have fallen into apostasy that say they are Christians. How many of us are willing to stay on our knees until we hear from heaven? Until we hear from the Lord Jesus Christ?

Read Ezra, Nehemiah and Haggai to see what was done in prior generations when the foundations were shaken.

Where do you stand with the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God?

There is but one answer for this nation, the answer is the same for each of us: If GOD’S PEOPLE, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Israel... Read II Chronicles 7.14.

If MY people, which are called by MY name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.