

THERE'S A SHAKING GOING ON

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God gave me this message on 9-11-2001, right after the Twin Towers were hit in New York. I believe that God is shaking things away, so that the Church can appear. So that a godly nation can appear, and the Kingdom of God can be made manifest upon the earth. The Kingdom is here, but it has been hidden by a lot of flesh, religious flesh, all kinds of flesh.

What we need to see today are the Christians whom God is calling to really stand up, not for just a short term, praying that God will ease off the pain, but praying always in the Holy Ghost. Praying in the Spirit of God, praying in the power of Christ; and saying, "God, Your will be done."

I believe America is the country ordained of God, but that we have let it slip away from us. God is saying, "Wake up." We have let abortion run on demand. We have let every kind of ungodly perverse thing happen, and not many are standing up against it. The Church, when it becomes united and stands against the power of darkness, stands against the enemy, stands against the work of Satan, things will begin to happen.

I am excited for America. I am excited for the Kingdom of God, because there is a shaking going on. Let's look at Hebrews 12: 26-28:

(Heb. 12:26 KJV) Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

God said, "I am going to do a work that is beyond the natural. I am going to shake in the spirit realm."

I truly think that God is getting hold of the Church. I don't think this is only about America. A lot is about the Church, because we have become so fleshed out in serving our God, that all we can think about is ease. God is saying, "Listen, I want a people like good soldiers who can endure the hardness. I want good soldiers who have been through the training camp." So here He says, "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

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(Heb. 12:27 KJV) And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

God is going to shake some things out of our lives, things that we don't want to be shaken out of our lives. Christians don't want hardship. We have been spoiled. I was reading about the Christians in Sudan, and they are being sold or killed or put in slavery. They are being taken out of their homes, and shipped to other places.

We don't hear much about that, but when we shake the cover off, the Church will begin to stand up and start praying for our brothers and sisters in Sudan and Ethiopia, and all of these places where they are being persecuted. The Church is going to begin to identify because of the shaking. Everything is going to be shaken, so you might as well get excited about it. It is going to happen.

In studying the Word of God, I find that Paul's life was shaken, but he said that none of these things moved him. He was brought into situations that would shake anybody. I believe that is where God is bringing the Church, because He is getting us ready for a final great move of God.

I believe that He is starting with America. There is a nucleus of believers in America who are beginning to stand up. They are uniting, they are dropping their denominational tags, their differences. They are saying, "We are one body in Christ." We are seeing it in the natural. I thank God for the things that our President Bush said, and the things that Congress was saying after this happened. We are ONE. There is no Republican, no Democrat, no Independent. We are all ONE.

That is what we have to do as Christians. We are ONE IN CHRIST. I don't care how we separated ourselves in the past, God is going to shake those things off. He is going to shake them until they don't even remain any more, and what is going to be revealed is the MIGHTY BODY OF CHRIST. Amen!

I am not excited about the planes that came or about the people who died. That is horrible. But I am excited about what God is doing in the spirit realm, getting a mighty army together, neither male nor female but all one in Christ. I truly believe we are living in that day. Look at Hebrews 12:27 again:

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Things that are made, things in the temporal realm, the natural realm. Anything that we fix our affection on, God is going to shake it until it falls from us, or we let go of it. I believe that we are living in one of the most serious hours that the Church has ever lived in. I believe that Christ is coming, but He is not coming to a world at peace or a world

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that is loving one another. He is coming to a world that is in a chaotic condition.

I hope that doesn't upset your theology, but it is true. They say peace and safety, and sudden destruction comes upon them (I Thess. 5:3). We have been immune from a lot of things in this country because we have been so powerful. We have been so strong that people didn't dare attack us, but all of sudden they have found a place to attack us.

We can't let fear get hold of us. We need to look far beyond what is happening in the natural, and see what God's plan is. If we knew what God's plan is, we would have

peace. If you knew what God's plan was for your personal life, you would have great peace. God is doing something that only He can do. He is allowing forces and pressure to form within you a great and mighty individual that can do the work of God.

Just as this tragedy has begun to unite our country, what is going on in the spirit realm is beginning to unite the body of Christ. People are coming together to pray, and many are coming together in the spirit. Some are coming out of curiosity, and some are coming because it is a religious habit, but there are people praying together who wouldn't even look at each other before.

God is shaking things up, and the devil means it for evil, but God takes it and turns it for good. This is only the beginning. The Church needs to realize that it needs to put down some roots. We need to become stable in Christ, so that the shaking will not move us. Paul said, "None of these things move me." I mean imprisonment, wet, stoned, left for dead, shipwreck, snake bit. He said they were only a light affliction, not to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us in that day (Read 2 Cor. Chap. 4).

The book of Hebrews has the word for us here, and I truly believe it is for our day.

(Heb 12:27 KJV) And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

That is what God wants in your life. He doesn't want things in your life that can be shaken. He wants a Solid Christian. He wants a person who can allow the shaking to take place and not be moved. Why? Because He is wanting those who can go through whatever is going on, and still have the peace and joy of God. Amen?

Here He says there is going to be a double shaking. One is going to remove the things that are made, and the other is going to cause those things that cannot be shaken to remain. The eternal things. The eternal values have temporary blessings also. If you serve the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your might, with all your strength, God causes blessings to come into your life.

We are a fortunate people that have enjoyed what we have all these years. I am looking forward to some more good years, but I believe that God is forming a mighty army, so He has to test us, doesn't He. He has to shake the temporary things out of us.

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Look at Col. 3:1-2:

(Col. 3:1 KJV) If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Seeking eternal things and not temporal, for the things which are seen are temporal. The Church MUST begin to think in eternal realms, not in temporary peace nor in temporary

ease. We MUST have the mind of Christ operating in us. Phil. 2:5 says "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The mind of Christ thinks in eternal realms.

(Heb. 12:27 KJV)...the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

The spiritual things, the true things of God.

(Heb 12:28 KJV) Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Col. 1:13 tells us that He has delivered us out of the power of darkness and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son. There are three things He has told us about the Kingdom that are very personal and very real: we are to seek it, we are to preach it, and we are to press into it. Sometimes it takes pressure from the outside to cause us to press into it.

Diamonds are not formed under a life of ease. Diamonds are formed under heat and under pressure over a period of time. You are a diamond, and God is not finished forming you yet. What God wants us to realize is to take our hands off the temporal things, because they are going to be shaken and they are going to be taken away.

"...wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved let us have grace..."

I like that! Humility, not pride in ourselves. Something that only God gives. We need to operate in everything we do, in the grace of God. The Church needs to operate in the grace of God, forgiving and loving and praying for one another. I believe we are seeing this beginning to happen now. The Church is beginning to come together.

Our minds have been distorted and put over in a realm where things are being shaken that can be shaken and will be shaken. Our minds should be on what God is doing. God is not causing us to be people who are forsaken, but He is causing us to be shaken so that which is of real value will remain. He said that we need to serve Him with grace, not

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boastful nor prideful

"...let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

The only way we can serve God acceptably is by grace. A lot of people want to serve God acceptable to man, but if we yet please men, we do not please God. (Gal 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:4). It is very easy to become religious and please men, saying the right things and saying things that we know aren't really what God wants us to say. If you say what

God wants you to say, you are not going to please people. That is why you have to have the grace to speak truth. If you love people, you can tell the truth.

I want to seek Jesus. I want the Lord to return, but I know what kind of world He is going to return to. This might be the ushering in of the one-world government, and the ushering in of the one-world church. They are having "all faiths" prayer meetings. That means they are all lost. THERE IS ONLY ONE FAITH.

This "all faiths" has to be shaken off so we can get our eyes on Jesus. It isn't because people have good intentions that they are going to be saved. It isn't because people have the seemingly right desire that they are going to be saved. THEY HAVE TO KNOW JESUS. They have to have faith to please Him, and that faith comes from the Lord alone.

God says we have to have grace to serve Him acceptably. Don't try to be accepted by men. They are going to change their minds about you anyhow. I had rather serve a God who has told me what He thinks about me if I do what He has told me to do.

You have to have grace, so we have to live in a way that we are acceptable unto God. I don't think fear is acceptable unto God. Being afraid is not acceptable unto God. Unbelief is not acceptable unto God. Faith alone is acceptable. Without faith it is impossible to please Him (Heb. 11:6).

If we are looking at the world, we are going to be shaken just like the world, but if we are looking at who is shaking it, if we are looking at what God's ultimate plan really is, we are not shaken. We realize that He is getting ready to come. He is getting us ready to go. He is coming for a Church without spot or blemish or wrinkle.

(Eph 5:27 KJV) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Sometimes it takes a lot of shaking to get rid of the wrinkles. My mother used to wash on an old scrub board, and she would take the sheets out to hang them on the line, and she would snap them to get the wrinkles out, and then hang them up. That is what God is doing with us. He is shaking our sheets.

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Just think about it for a moment! God is going to take every spot, every blemish, every wrinkle out of us. One wrinkle is that we love the world. Any man who loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

(1 John 2:15 KJV) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

We need to love people who are in the world, but not love the world system. We need to have compassion on people who are lost in the world. We have to be acceptable unto God.

"...we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Reverence! I like that. That is an attitude. Do I really honor God? If I reverence God, I will be obedient to Him. I won't be arguing with Him. That is not reverence. Doubting Him is not reverence. Obedience is reverence. When I say that I reverence God, it means that I am obedient to do whatever it is that God tells me to do through His Word.

I need that in my life. I need to let people know by my life that I reverence the Lord, and I do that by doing what He tells me to do. It is the willing and the obedient who eat the good of the land (Is. 1:19). It is nobody else.

We must serve God with reverence and godly fear. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, isn't it?

*(Prov. 9:10 KJV) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

When we fear God enough, have that awesome respect and reverence for Him, we are going to do what He says, but it starts with grace. It starts with grace, and works on down to acceptability, and I want to be accepted in Christ for whatever I do. I want to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" when this thing is all over with.

We have to go for the head when we are going to kill the enemy. David went for Goliath's head and not for his thigh (I Sam. 17:45-51). We are just wounding the enemy many times. We cut off a finger, we cut off his nose, when God said "Cut his head off." Whatever has a hold in your life, cut his head off right now. If fear has a hold on you, cut its head off right now. If torment has a hold on you, cut its head off right now. If unbelief, doubt, and frustration have a hold on you, cut their heads off.

Don't play with them. Don't tickle them around the toenails; cut the head off like David did to the giant. He didn't say to Goliath, "I am going to trim your toenails." If you have

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the reverence of God and the respect for God, you need to serve notice on anything that comes up against you to try to compromise or take you away or bring fear in your life. You need to say to that thing, "Get out of the way. In the name of Jesus, I am coming for your head."

People are trying to make the word of God not come to pass. They say, "That is not what God likes." The word of God tells you exactly what God likes. God says, "I want reverence. I want you to be acceptable to Me. I want you to work in the grace of God. I want you to have that grace, and everything you move in is the grace of God."

The kingdoms of this world are shakable. Read history and see how many times kingdoms change hands, and they were great kingdoms. Babylon only lasted a few years, just long enough to keep the captivity of Jerusalem. God raised them up to bring in the captivity of Jerusalem and Judah. He told them they would be there 70 years. He prophesied through Habakkuk and Jeremiah. He prophesied through the prophets and said, "It is going to happen to you. You are not repenting. You won't repent. This is going to take place." (Jeremiah 25:8-14; 29:10-14).

Hananiah spoke against this captivity and said it would only last two years. Jeremiah said, "I wish it were so, but you are going to be dead within a year for having lied"(Jeremiah 28:10-17). Hananiah was going to change the word of God and make it not come to pass. It is a dangerous thing to try to read into the word of God something that is not there. If God said, "I am going to shake it," then hallelujah, let Him shake it. Let Him get the wrinkles out.

God says, "I am working on the inward man. You are looking on the outward man. I look at the heart. I am doing things right now that you might not appreciate, but one day you will understand. I am going to shake everything that can be shaken, and that which can be removed is going to be removed. Let go of it. Let go of your anger, your hatred, your malice, your judgmental thinking, your envy, your strife." God wants us to let go of any of these things that He wants to snap out of your life. He wants to snap the sheets until they fall off. That is why a lot of Christians have a lot of problems. God is snapping their sheets. I am serious about that.

People are determined to run their own lives. They pray until they get a little relief and then all of a sudden they go back to their old habits, go back to their old ways, and go back to serving God the way they want to. God says, "That isn't going to work. I am going to shake you again."

You might say, "That person is so sweet. How come they have to get shook up all the time." It is because they wouldn't let go of the wrinkles. God is saying that everything that can be shaken, will be shaken, and that which will be shaken will be removed.

I want eternal things in my life. I'll let God bless me in the natural like He wants to, but I am not seeking those things. I am seeking the Kingdom of God. I am seeking things that

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can't be taken away from me. The financial report right now is not very good, and it could affect all of us. We could all be broke tomorrow, but that is not anything new to me, so I wouldn't be too bad off. We have to get our eyes off money as security, as we think of security, and make Christ our security.

David said something that thrills my heart. "I was young and now I am old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed out begging for bread" (Psalm 37:5). When people ask me what I am trusting in, I will say, "I am trusting in God. My hope is in the Lord." That is where our security should be.

We have been an affluent people in this nation, and I am not saying that we won't still be, but I am saying that it could happen. The one-world government has to come, sooner or later. One-world bank has to happen. Why do you think all these nations in NATO are on our side? It is not because they love us, but they want us to get rid of the head and kill the thing, because this could happen to them and they are going to buddy, buddy up to us. We had all the money.

We have to face facts. Don't put your head in the sand and think, "Oh, it's okay." If you are going to be a good soldier, you are going to have to endure hardness. If you are going to be a good soldier, you are going to have to hear truth. If you are going to be a good soldier, you are going to have to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Quit dodging and saying, "Well, that will never happen to me." It will happen to you if you are going to be a good soldier of the cross.

The book of Hebrews tells us that once more He is going to shake everything, not heaven only but the earth also. He is shaking everything that can be shaken. Whatever you have in your life that is not solid in Christ is going to be shaken away from you. It is the truth, because you can't inherit the Kingdom of God with Jesus Christ plus anything. You have to have a clean heart and a pure heart. You have to have a heart that has been washed by the washing of the water of the word of God.

You should say, "Lord, I need this because my security has been in what I can do. My security has been in my ability. My security has been in my finances. My security has been in this and that thing, but right now my security is going to be in You."

I truly think that the Church has to get its eyes off the world. If it is affected by the world, something is wrong and it steals our joy. We need to have compassion on people like these who were killed. We need to have love for their families and care about them, but let me tell you something: things and people cannot dictate joy to you. Everything is going to be shaken, and whatever you put your joy on is going to be taken from you. So it is just better to keep your hands loose, and put them up and praise and thank the Lord.

It was a great sorrow when 9-11 happened, but we have to look beyond that to see what God is forming and shaping and making the Church to be. The Church is going to be the most powerful institution on the face of the earth, and Christians are the only defense

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against the powers of darkness coming into our family, coming into our city, coming into our area.

We are the defense. We are the watchmen on the wall (Eze. 3:7). We are the ones whom God has trusted and entrusted with the gospel of Christ. He has trusted us to watch over our families. Watch over our neighborhood. Watch over our city. Watch over our country. Praying diligently but not praying according to what you want. Praying as the Holy Spirit gives direction.

Jesus was facing horrible things to be done to Him: going to the cross and becoming sin for us. He that knew no sin became sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21). He took every sin of our lives before Him, and He said, "Father, if there be any other way, let this cup pass from Me, but nevertheless not my will, but thine be done"(Luke 22:42-44). I don't think that was a light thing He said. He sweat great drops of blood. There wasn't anything light about that, but He did what the Father wanted him to do, and commissioned him to do. Otherwise we wouldn't be here now enjoying the freedom of the Lord.

When we come into Church, we are told to come into the presence of the Lord in worship and praise, and He is there with us, and Jesus is with us, and the angels are there, and the spirits of just men made perfect are there. It doesn't matter how many people are there, these are always there. If not many are there, maybe God needs to shake the Church.

I have had God shake me a few times. I didn't like the shaking while it was going on, but I like the peaceful fruits of righteousness that were produced later on. God is telling us that as long as we hold on to things, He is going to shake it. As long as our hope is in anything else, He will shake it. He will shake everything until everything is removed and there will only be you.

Don't you think we need a little shaking? I have learned over the years, just to walk very lightly through the world, not trying to draw anything to myself or accumulate a lot of stuff. If I have anything, Praise the Lord! If I don't have anything, Praise the Lord!! Amen?

We are seeing the beginning of the building of the Church, not the destruction of the Church. I believe we are going to see Isaiah scripture fulfilled in the 60th chapter. I believe kings are going to come to the brightness of your rising. People that are in authority are going to call the Church. God wants to plug us in some place where He can trust us. Let's pray for our leaders. Let's pray for one another. Forget about praying for yourself.

I want to pray for everyone who is reading this. If you don't have Jesus in your heart, receive Him as I pray. Father, in the name of Jesus. I don't know everybody who is reading this, but I know that You love everybody, and You don't love one more than You love another. You love all of us the same.

God, your first desire is that anyone who doesn't know You should be saved. You want them to come to a place where they can know that You are the Lord of their life. You are the redeemer. You are the one who loves them.

Help us, Lord, to understand that what we see in the natural is only a manifestation of what is going on in the spirit realm. You are shaking things, God, for our good. You are shaking things, that we might truly understand that you are calling us out, to be a separate people. You are calling us to go into the world, and to bring the gospel and the good news of Christ, but not to become a part of the world. Not to make that our place of joy

in our life. Our joy should be in You, Lord. Our joy should be in that which is unmovable, unshakeable.

Lord, no wonder they could go through the things they went through in the early Church, because their joy was not in what they had. Their joy was in You, Lord. Their joy was in knowing they were pleasing You.

Lord, we do pray for those who have lost loved ones. We pray for our President and the leaders of the nation, that their minds will become united together, to do that which is right in the sight of the Lord. I pray they will have the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Then I pray that the Church will become even more united than we are seeing now, and that any spot, any blemish, anything that has separated us from one another will be taken out. We will be one body working in one faith, with one Lord.

Father, I thank You, and pray that those reading this will have received something from You, Lord, that will change their lives and make them stronger in the things of God. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen!