

“Unshakable”

Part 1 of the ‘Unshakable’ Series

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Hebrews 12:25-29 Amplified Bible: ²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse [to listen to] Him who is speaking [to you now]. For if those [sons of Israel] did not escape when they refused [to listen to] him who warned them on earth [revealing God’s will], how much less will we *escape* if we turn our backs on Him who warns from heaven? ²⁶ His voice shook the earth [at Mount Sinai] then, but now He has given a promise, saying, “YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE [starry] HEAVEN.” ²⁷ Now this [expression], “Yet once more,” indicates the removal *and* final transformation of all those things which can be shaken—that is, of that which has been created—so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, and offer to God pleasing service *and* acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is [indeed] a consuming fire.

* Vs 25...**Refuse** means ‘to decline from obeying Him and His Word; to turn or fall away from and purposely reject His will.’

1. Does the Bible actually tell us that Christians will turn away from God or fall away from faith in God before the return of Jesus?

***Jesus said: Matthew 24:10-13 Passion Translation:** ¹⁰ Then many will stop following me and fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many lying prophets will arise, deceiving multitudes and leading them away from the path of truth. ¹² There will be such an increase of sin and lawlessness that those whose hearts once burned with passion for God and others will grow cold. ¹³ But keep your hope to the end and you will experience life and deliverance.

***Apostle Paul said: 1 Timothy 4:1 NKJV:** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 NKJV: ¹³ For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform (disguise) themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works (deeds and lifestyles.)

Titus 1:15 - 2:1 Amplified Bible: ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure; but to the corrupt and unbelieving, nothing is pure; both their mind and their conscience are corrupted. ¹⁶ They profess to know God [to recognize and be acquainted with Him], but by *their* actions they deny *and* disown Him. They are detestable and disobedient and worthless for good work of any kind.

But as for you, teach the things which are in agreement with sound doctrine [which produces men and women of good character whose lifestyle identifies them as true Christians].

Proverbs 10:9 Amplified Bible: He who walks in integrity *and* with moral character walks securely, but he who takes a crooked way will be discovered *and* punished.

***Jude said: Jude 1:3-4 Amplified Bible:** ³ Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I was compelled to write to you [urgently] appealing that you fight strenuously for [the defense of] the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith that is the sum of Christian belief that was given verbally to believers]. ⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed [just as if they were sneaking in by a side door]. They are ungodly persons whose condemnation was predicted long ago, for they distort the grace of our God into decadence *and* immoral freedom [viewing it as an opportunity to do whatever they want], and deny *and* disown our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

***What will Jesus say to people, who consistently live like this, when they stand before Him?**

Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV: ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

2. We can build a Christian life so strong that it becomes unshakable!!

Luke 6:46-49 Amplified Bible: ⁴⁶ "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not practice what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to Me and listens to My words and obeys them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a [far-sighted, practical, and sensible] man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and yet could not shake it, because it had been securely built *and* founded on the rock. ⁴⁹ But the one who has [merely] heard and has not practiced [what I say], is like a [foolish] man who built a house on the ground without *any* foundation, and the torrent burst against it; and it immediately collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

3. What is the foundation that we build our life upon and how do we become wise, skillful builders?

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 Amplified: ¹⁰ According to the [remarkable] grace of God which was given to me [to prepare me for my task], like a skillful master builder I laid a foundation, and now another is building on it. But each one must be careful how he builds on it, ¹¹ for no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will be clearly shown [for what it is]; for the day [of judgment] will disclose it, because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality *and* character *and* worth of each person's work. ¹⁴ If any person's work which he has built [on this foundation, that is, any outcome of his effort] remains [and survives this test], he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ But if any person's work is burned up [by the test], he will suffer the loss [of his reward]; yet he himself will be saved, but only as [one who has barely escaped] through fire.