

One More Shaking

Hebrews 12:26-29 (ESV)

26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” 27 This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Why is God sending a great shaking?

1. To fulfill what He has promised. (vs. 26)

- a. “I will pour my spirit out on all flesh”.
- b. “If we are faithful to confess, He will be faithful to forgive”.
- c. “It’s not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit”.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV)

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

2 Peter 1:4 (ESV)

by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of its sinful desire.

2. To remove all strongholds and restrictions. (vs. 27)

2 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)

But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (ESV)

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

3. To reveal counterfeit foundations. (vs. 27)

Psalms 20:7 (ESV)

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Counterfeit foundations:

Exodus 15:1(ESV)

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

- Paul had just been shipwrecked

Acts 28:3-5 (ESV)

3 When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. 4 When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” 5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.

- Closing thoughts