

From Impossible to Possible Part-7

It is **impossible** for people to escape judgment if they refuse to listen to what God has to say from Heaven now. But Jesus Christ makes it **possible** for all men to escape through His shed blood!

Heb. 12:25 TPT *“Make very sure that you never refuse to listen to God when He speaks! (TPT: Or ‘don’t turn your back on the speaker.’) For the **God who spoke on earth from Sinai is the same God who now speaks from heaven**. Those who heard Him speak His living Word on earth found nowhere else to hide, so what chance is there for us to escape if we turn our backs on God and refuse to hear His warnings as He speaks from heaven?”*

V. 26 TPT At Sinai, *“The earth was rocked at the sound of His voice from the mountain, but now He has promised,
“Once and for all I will not only* shake the systems of the world, but also the unseen powers** in the heavenly realm!”*

***TPT note:** “Although earthquakes are prophesied to come, the prophet is most likely using a metaphoric term for the worlds’ systems (finance, military, governments, religious, etc.). The message of the gospel has shaken the world’s foundations as it includes an unshakeable kingdom rising on the earth. Kings of the earth have placed their crowns down before the cross of a Man who was crucified as a common criminal. The power of the gospel is still shaking the world.”

****TPT note:** “It is not God’s power or throne being shaken, but invisible forces of darkness in the heavenly realm.”

That means that, before Jesus returns, we’re going to see the systems of man & the demonic shaken to the core! And we are not to be just spectators, but full participants in this shaking!

The Ekklesia is Involved in the Shaking of Nations

Hag. 2:6 TPT: *"For I declare to you: Very soon, I, YAHWEH, Commander of Angel Armies, will once again shake the heavens and earth, the land and sea."* **SFLB** "This passage (Hab. 2:6-9) is best seen as referring to God's final in-breaking into history, the culmination of *"the day of the LORD"*.

Obadiah 15 TPT *"The **day** of YAHWEH is drawing near for all the nations. As you have done to others, so will it be done to you: you will be paid back for all that your deeds deserve."*

Note on Obadiah 15: "The word *"day"* occurs 11 times in vv. 8-14. Now it becomes **the day of the Lord**, a season of judgment and divine judgment **upon all the nations** around Israel. The OT looked ever forward to this time. OT prophets use *"The Day of the Lord"* to signify a time in the history of humankind when God directly intervenes to bring salvation to His people and punishment to the rebellious. By it God restores His righteous order on the earth. ...The fulfillment of the **Day** must be seen, however, in four different stages: **(1)** in the times of the prophets, it was revealed by such events as the invasion of Israel by foreign powers (Amos), the awesome plagues of locusts (Joel), and the return of Israelite exiles from captivity (Ezra-Nehemiah). **(2)** In that prophetic insight has the quality of merging periods of eschatology so that even the prophets themselves could not always distinguish the various times of the fulfillment of their prophecies, that **Day** developed into a broad biblical concept. Prophetic fulfillments closest to the prophets' own day were mingled with those reaching as far as the culmination of all things. Hence, the First Coming of Christ and the church age began another phase of the Day of the Lord. As participants in this aspect of the Day of the Lord, the church can call on the risen Christ to cast down spiritual forces that hinder God's work in this present world & to bring about innumerable blessings. This is made clear by comparing **Isa. 61:1-2*** w/ **Luke 4:18-19****, & **Joel 2:25-32w/ Acts 2:16-21.**"

***TPT** *“The mighty Spirit of Lord YAHWEH is wrapped around me because YAHWEH has anointed me as a messenger to preach good news to the poor. He sent me to heal the wounds of the brokenhearted, to tell captives, “You are free,” and to tell prisoners, “Be free from your darkness.” 2. I am sent to announce a new season of YAHWEH’s grace and a time of God’s recompense on His enemies, to comfort all who are in sorrow.”*

****TPT** *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, and He has anointed Me to be hope for the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, ‘You are set free!’” I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of God’s great acceptance has begun.” (3) The second coming of Christ will inaugurate the third aspect of the Day of the Lord, during which Christ’s personal, righteous and universal rule will restore God’s order to the earth (Isa. 11:6-9***; Amos 9:13****). (4) The ultimate fulfillment of the Day of the Lord awaits the full arrival of the world to come, with its new heaven & new earth. Compare Ezek. 47:1-12 with Rev. 22:1-5 (“Two Rivers of Life”).”*

***** “Christ Will Subdue All Things”** *“Then the world will be subdued and live with the gentle lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the gentle lamb. The young calf and the ferocious lion will be together, and as a shepherd drives his flock, a small child will guide them along! 7. The cow and the bear will graze alongside each other; cubs and calves will lie down together. The lion, like the ox, will eat straw. 8. The nursing child will play safely near the rattlesnake’s den, and the toddler will stretch out his hand & shine light over the serpent [see TPT note (a)]. 9. On all My holy mountain of Zion, nothing evil or harmful will be found. For the earth **will be filled*** with*

the intimate knowledge of the Lord YAHWEH just as water swells the sea!”

***TPT note:** “The Septuagint [Gk. O.T.] uses a present-tense verb, “*is [presently] filled [to the brim].*”

******Amos 9:13 TPT** “*Behold, I, YAHWEH, make this decree: the days of acceleration are coming, when the harvest will be so great that **those plowing the field will overtake those still reaping the harvest, and the ones treading the grapes will overtake those who are planting.** Blessings will stream forth like new wine pouring from every mountain, and every hill will flow with favor.*”

SFLB note(s): V. 13 The plowman...sows seed: “The blessings will be so great that Amos compares them to land producing so quickly and so richly that it is difficult to finish one cycle before the next cycle begins.”

Verses 13-15 “A poetic picture of the fertility of the land and the security and stability of life for God’s people, especially in His future kingdom. This blessing is seen as reversing the fortunes of the Israelites in Amos’s day (***I will bring back the captives***); conditions will be the opposite of those portrayed in Amos 4:6-11.”

Here’s Where God’s Covenant People Do Some Shaking
Eph. 6:12 TPT “*Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of **demon-gods*** and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.*”

***Passion note:** “The classical Gk. word used here is often used to refer to conjuring up **pagan deities** – supreme powers of darkness mentioned in occult rituals.”

Heb. 12:27 TPT *“Now this phrase “once and for all” clearly indicates the final removal of things that are shaking, that is, the old order (or “things that have been made”), so only what is unshakable will remain.”*

28. *Since we are receiving our **rights*** to an unshakable kingdom [Dan. 7:18] we should be extremely thankful and offer God the purest worship that delights His heart as we lay down our lives in absolute surrender, filled with awe.”* **Aramaic** can be translated *“We have received grace to serve & we please God in awe & tender devotion”* [submission].”

***TPT note:** “The Gk. word *paralambo* is often used in classical Greek literature for heirs who have the “rights of succession” (to a throne).”

29. TPT *“For our God is a holy, devouring fire!”* “The Aramaic can be translated *“consuming light.”* See also **Deut. 4:24; 9:3.** **Deut. 9:3 NKJV** *For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”*

SFLB note: “**Jealous** indicates an active zeal for righteousness that arose from God’s holiness. Because of this, God could tolerate no form of idolatry.”

Years ago while pastoring in Canada, my wife and I went to a conference where prophet Bobby Connor was speaking. He spoke of having a vision of being in Heaven, and standing before a huge open door. Fire was all around. The door was pulled open and he walked in the steps of another – those of Jesus. The footprints were on fire & that cleansing fire transferred into Bobby.

I believe that the LORD wants to transfer His purifying fire into us. **Selwyn Hughes** in “**Purity – Not a Popular Thought**” writes this regarding **Acts 5:19** HCSB, where it says, *“He made no distinction between us [the Jews] and them [the Gentiles], cleansing their hearts by faith.”*

“What does our Lord mean when He uses the word “*pure*”? “*Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God*” (Mt. 5:8). The word “*pure*” (Greek” *katharos*) means a heart that is clean or clear. Unfortunately, purity does not seem to be popular in contemporary Christianity. The emphasis nowadays seems to be more on spiritual gifts. Few, generally speaking, want to know how to experience the blessing of what our text today calls a heart purified by faith.”

If that’s you tonight, call out to God something like this: “Dear Father, from the depths of my being I cry out make me clean. I have come so far with You – how can I turn back now? I’m a candidate for both power and purity. Wash the stain of sin clean out of my life through the precious blood of Jesus. Give me the deep inner cleansing I need – today. For Jesus’ sake. Amen”