

INTRODUCTION

1. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ was set up on the first Pentecost. Jesus' teaching on the kingdom:
 1. Jesus promised to build his church. Matt. 16:18
 2. Jesus said, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the Kingdom of God. Mark 14:25
 3. This kingdom was established on the first Pentecost. Mark 9:1; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8
Acts 2:1-4.
 - (1) And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47
 - (2) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. Col. 1:13
2. Those who obey the gospel of Christ, having renounced the allegiance of the world, become subjects of the immoveable (BETTER) kingdom. Heb. 12:28

LET US VIEW THIS SHAKING WORLD. First, The political world:

1. There are two great and powerful ISMS in the world today. They are: Atheistic communism and Romanism or Catholicism. These two isms are opposed one to the other and this is the reason why Rome (Catholicism) hates Russia and why the Kremlin hates the Vatican.
2. These two ISMS have become international termites, swarming in every nation, seething in the sills beneath the floors of our own national structure.
 - (1) Unless we treat the foundation of our national house with the insecticide of right information from our top officials down to the county court we are going to see this shaking nation of ours topple from its former greatness when it stood in the power of the foundation afforded it by the founding fathers.
3. This political world is shaking. It is not unusual to hear references to our constitution as a "horse and buggy document."
 - (1) The tendency today is to modernize, streamline society and government, even right down to the regimentation of the individual, homes, businesses, and all enterprise.
 - (2) So our constitution and our government is shaking, changing from what it was and has been to something else and something new.

SECOND, Society is shaking.

1. This nation, OUR SOCIETY, seems no longer concerned about the three "R's" of education Reading...^Riting, and ^Rithmetic, much less the three "R's" for home education and so basic in morals and character. They are: Respect, Responsibility, and Right Religion.
 - (1) Each member of the family deserves the proper respect. No child will learn to show respect to others if he has not learned respect for his parents.
 - (2) Unrestrained living (lack of proper respect) develops a warped sense of right and wrong, and sends one out into the world unprepared for right social living.
 - (3) If youngsters are to grow up with any moral standards for a well-disciplined life, they must learn those standards in the home and have them instilled in them early in life.
2. (4) The second "R" is responsibility. Children who have not learned that they are responsible for their action are causing trouble in the world today. The week of June 8, 1964 in east Detroit, some teen age boys pulled a dying woman into an alley and raped her. At a soda fountain, and regarding this matter, a woman was heard to comment: "That is like animals. Since they are being taught in schools that they come from animals should we be surprised when they act like animals."
 - (5) The third "R" is Right Religion. The world is shaking religiously today. Is the church of the Lord shaking? It is not. The denominationalism shaking. Denominationalism has been everything in general and nothing in particular so long that it finds itself wobbling on a shaky foundation about to be swallowed up by Catholicism. Two things that have made the Catholic church great in numbers are: 1. Her willingness to stand for what she believes, and 2. Her ability and willingness to grant indulgencies.
 - (6) The catholic church did not grow big by being wishy-washy for the world has nothing but contempt for the double minded, Mr Facing-both-ways in religion.

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THIRD, THE world is shaking religiously.

1. Religion has come to mean everything in general and nothing in particular.
2. Witness the effort on the part of atheist to throw out all mention of God in our public schools. With the help of our Supreme Court they are about to succeed.
3. Witness all the efforts of the various denominations to consolidate...get together, and not one appeal ever made to the Scriptures as a solvent for the religious ills that plague them.
4. Much more could be said. But you ask, "is the church shaking?" That all depends on what you have in mind, or what is meant by the church. If you mean the church that Jesus built, the New Testament institution, the Bible church, it is not shaking, and it is not shaking because it cannot. This brings us to consider the things that cannot be shaken. First, we sum it up as follows:

THINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN. Col. 3:2; Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Note the word "things." we are putting a lot of emphasis on "things," material things. Here in this world we gather a lot of "things" around us .

1. Paul used the word "things" twice here.
 - (1) Set your affection on things above.
 - (2) Not on things on the earth.
2. Here we have the key.
 - (1) Things on earth are going to be shaken...removed.
 - (2) Things in heaven (from above) are not going to be shaken...will remain.
3. Some examples:
 - (1) God is not going to be dethroned, nor Christ, nor the Holy Spirit. The incomparable God who cannot be compared with idols. There are no gods...but only the God of the Bible. Christ and the Holy Spirit are not going to be shaken.
 - (2) Bible. The word of God against which men have broken themselves and in disobedience to which individuals as well as nations have gone down to hell. Best Seller
 - (3) Truth of the Bible, God's Word.
 1. Men have denied the word of God but still it remains. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Matt. 24:35
 - (4) The things that remain are the things of the new covenant.
 1. Sinai shook, the old covenant was removed, the earthly kingdoms of Israel perished in the change. Eph. 2:14-18; Col. 2:14
 2. At this time the new covenant was inaugurated, and with it "the kingdom which cannot be moved." Dan. 2:44, 45; said that "in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed...and it shall stand forever."
4. So then, "the things which cannot be shaken" are the bulwarks of the gospel, the immovable things of the new covenant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The word "things" is used in the Bible in various ways. It is used to refer to things in heaven, things on earth, and things in the future. It is also used to refer to things which are not yet created, things which are not yet spoken, and things which are not yet thought.

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