

An Unshakable Kingdom



*“but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Cor. 15:57-58*

We are living in a time of unprecedented shaking. Not only are our own lives being shaken, but societies and governments, financial institutions, educational institutions, sports, media and entertainment are being shaken to the core. While we observe the kingdoms of this world in so much tumult, we, as His righteous children, must know that we are of a Kingdom that cannot be shaken!!! Our relationship with this world can be shaken, but that which cannot be shaken will remain because we are in Him. In order for us to really believe that we have this promise of incredible stability, we need to be firmly established in the certainty that we are His children and part of His Kingdom. Our peace and security during this time are not in having enough supplies, the right government leaders or keeping up with the news; our peace in these times must be in our **relationship with our Heavenly Father**. If we seek first the Kingdom of God and all of these other things will be added unto us. Relationship with God is everything we need! We must not cling to what God is shaking, or we will suffer shipwreck. **Mat. 6:33**

Jesus said He came so that we can know the Father and show us the way to His Kingdom. Everywhere He went, He taught about the Kingdom of God and demonstrated God’s character and ways. Most of Jesus’ parables revealed aspects about His Father’s Kingdom. These teachings provided us with a contrast between God’s ways in His Kingdom and the ways of this world. **Luke 12:15-21**

- In the New Testament this Gospel of the Kingdom was first announced by John the Baptist, calling people to repent, “for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand (or has arrived.)” **Matt. 3:1-2**
- Immediately when Jesus began His ministry, He began to preach the Kingdom of God by calling people to “repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand (or in your midst).” **Mark 1:14; Matt. 4:17, 23; 9:35**
- The disciples and early church proclaimed and taught the Kingdom of God. **Mark 10:7**
- He commissioned us to take the Gospel to all nations and equipped us with His Holy Spirit to complete the task. **Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Matt. 24:14; Matt. 10:7-8**

Key Scripture:

“And His voice **shook (#4531)** the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “YET ONCE MORE I WILL **SHAKE (#4579)** NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.” This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the **removing (#3331)** of those things which can be shaken (#4531), as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken (#4531) may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which **cannot be shaken (#761)**, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence & awe; for our God is a consuming fire.” **Hebrews 12:26-29**

‘Yet once more’ refers to Mount Sinai when God gave Israel the covenant of the Law and the mountain shook at His voice. But this time, He will shake the heavens and the earth. Mount Zion, the Everlasting Covenant of Jesus Christ cannot be shaken. **Heb. 12:18-24; Ex. 19:18-20; Deut. 4:10-24**

Definitions:

Shook (4531) saleuō from <G4535> (salos) is used three times in above passage. It means to waver, agitate, move to and fro, to rock, topple or destroy. It is figurative of to disturb, incite to move, shake (together), to stir up or create a tumult. It results in a casting down from a sense of security, especially of things ready to fall or perish; to be moved in the mind, agitated and disturbed. This is the opposite of peace, rest and security found only in Jesus Christ.

Shake (4579): seiō To shake thoroughly, as in a violent wind, tempest. To move with quaking. To cause to stir up and cause trembling. This is a primary verb; to rock (vibrate, properly sideways or to and fro), i.e. to agitate (in any direction; figurative to throw into a tremor (of fear or concern):- move, quake, shake. With the idea of shock and trembling from fear. To disturb in mind, put into great commotion and perturbation of mind (a condition of the mind that is confused, upset and disturbed). This is the opposite of being established, strong, secure and at peace.

Not Shaken (761) asaleutos: from 4531; ‘a’ without and ‘saleuo’ (agitation or shaking) To be steady, immovable, unshaken, not able to be overthrown or put into disorder; firm, stable and enduring.

Removing (3331): metathesis Root: from <G3346> from <G3346> (metatithemi); A moving to another place. Removing from one place to another. A transposition, i.e. transferal (to heaven), disestablishment (of a law):- change, removing, translation. This is the opposite of restoration, bringing back again or returning. Hence, those things that will be removed will not be restored or return, they will be eliminated.

The most frequent Hebrew word for Shaken or Moved is ‘mot’ (Strong’s #4131) means to move, remove, fall or totter, to waver; by implication to slip, shake, fall; to be out of course, be fallen in decay, × exceedingly, fall (-ing down), to be moved or removed, shake, slide, slip. Refers to wavering or shaking, even of mountains, an unheard of event. Mount Sinai (Old Covenant) was shaken but Mount Zion (New Covenant of Jesus Christ) is unshakable or unmovable. The earth, under God’s fierce judgments could move violently, used of the pressure or shaking of the wicked. The righteous who is sound, safe, secure will not be moved or shaken.

Portion for the Journey

The Word is filled with examples of times when God’s judgments have been on the earth. In these times He always assures His love and protection for those who belong to Him. Jesus promised us that in

this world we will have troubles, but He wanted us to have peace in knowing He has overcome the world. **John 16:3**

Isaiah 26:20 calls us to “Come, my people, enter your chambers and shut your doors behind you, hide yourselves for a little while until the LORD’s wrath is past.” I believe this call is to enter the Secret Place of the Most High God, El Elyon who is far above all the things of this world. In Him is a place of perfect safety and protection. The Secret Place of the Most High is a place of prayer and intercession where we stand in His counsel, seek His face, know His heart and understand His plans and purposes for this day. We need to seek Him with the intention of listening and obeying His directions. **Matt. 6:6; Ps. 91; Jer. 23:16-22**

Prophecy in Isaiah 24 (AMP)

- vs 1 Lord will make the land *and* the earth empty and make it waste and turn it upside down (twist the face of it) and scatter abroad its inhabitants.
- vs 3 the land and the earth shall be utterly laid waste and pillaged
- vs 4 will mourn, whither, languish
- vs 10 the wasted city of emptiness and confusion is broken down
- vs 11 crying in the streets
- vs 12 the city is left in desolation... the gates battered and destroyed
- vs 13 As the shaking and beating of an olive tree
- vs 18 the foundations of the earth tremble and shake
- vs. 19 the earth is utterly broken, the earth is rent asunder, the earth is shaking violently

In 1986, David Wilkerson prophesied based on Isaiah 24 that such a day is coming upon the world. He said, “every house will be shut up, and no one will be coming or going. The city of confusion is broken down, and every house is shut up that no man may come in.” Isaiah 24:10 The prophet Isaiah describes in Isaiah 24:12, all entrances and exits to the city are gone. In other words, there will be no place to escape. God has shown me that a calamity is coming beyond humankind’s capacity to respond. This judgment will devastate the world’s economies. Every restaurant and bar will be shut down, and all the drinking and merrymaking will end. All entertainment and churches will be shut down. – 2 – Isaiah says in the 24th chapter, verse 9, “they shall not drink wine with a song.” The mirth of the land is gone. All sports will be shut down.

But the prophet Isaiah also saw a great shaking of the olive tree (Israel) coming in 24:13. In other words, God’s shaking everything that can be shaken. It’s a time of overwhelming darkness as He exposes the world’s idols. But in the midst of this terrible shaking, a song is heard, a chorus of voices singing praises to the majesty of God. “They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord, they shall cry aloud from the sea,” (Isaiah 24:14). That’s the beginning of the Great Awakening. And then in 24:15-16 it says, “from the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous.”

Lukewarm believers are going to come back to their first love. Their souls will be flooded with godly repentance, falling on their knees with repentance. There will be a great awakening. The song of revival will be heard from the uttermost parts of the earth. From Israel to Indonesia, Africa, from the east to the west, from the north to the south, from China to Arab lands, all parts of the earth will rise up in the midst of this plague. They’ll be feasting on the Word. The idols are coming down. They will see in horror

the idols they have worshiped that have blocked them from the power of the Holy Spirit...idols they put their faith in. The greatest cry of repentance will come from God's remnant."

Digging Deeper in the Word

GOD WILL SHAKE THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD! Note what happens in times of shaking:

- Often shaking precedes or takes place in the context of "The Day of the LORD."
- In these times of shaking the voice of the LORD is heard over the entire earth. **Isa. 30:28-30**
- References frequently made to mountains (symbolic of the seats of power). The mountains of this world may be shaken, but the Mountain of God (Zion) stands above the mountains of the world and is the place where God's presence dwells. It is a place of safety and stability.
- The heavens (spiritual realms) and the earth (world systems) tremble and shake **Isa. 13:13**
- The time of shaking is a time of God's judgment on the earth.
- God judges to teach the people of the earth about His righteousness. **Isa. 26:9-10**
- The Lord consistently contrasts between those who are being judged and the safety of His people in this time. **Isa. 2:1-4; Joel 3:13; Isa. 26: 20-21**

Haggai 2:4-9 (NASB) *"For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts."* See also **Haggai 2:21-23**

PROMISES OF GOD FOR THE RIGHTEOUS IN TIMES OF SHAKING:

God's Word is the firm foundation:

*"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock [a large mass of solid rock; Luke 6:48 "Who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock"]. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock [firmly established on a strong foundation]. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall." **Matthew 7:24-27***

*"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And **in His law he meditates day and night**. He will be like a tree **firmly planted** by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish." **Psalms 1:1-6; Jer. 17:8; Ps. 92:13; Joshua 1:1-9***

Firmly planted: The meaning of this phrase 'firmly planted' is to be planted or transplanted in a very choice or ideal location and tended with all of the ingredients necessary for the plant to flourish. In this case, the tree is firmly planted next to streams of living water—God's Word. The Word 'prosper' means 'to push forward mightily, to be victorious, to come mightily, to overcome all adversity.' This definition can't help but call to mind the promises for those who overcome in the letters to the churches in

Revelations. 'Overcome' (nikao 3528) means 'to subdue, to conquer, to overcome, prevail, get the victory over all foes, and hold fast in the hour of temptation.' **Rev. 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:26; 3:5; 3:12; 3:21**

God's Firm Foundation will Stand:

"But the firm foundation of (laid by) God stands, sure and unshaken, bearing this seal (inscription): The Lord knows those who are His, 2 Timothy 2:19 (AMP) The Word repeatedly promises that the righteous will stand in times of judgment. The righteous live by faith. It is important that we know the complete reality of our identity in Christ and our position in His Kingdom. The righteous have no reason to fear in times of trial or judgment when our faith is in Him. We need to know that we are wrapped in the protection of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are a part of the army of God who will ultimately see the complete victory if we remain hidden in Him. We are heirs and co-heirs with Christ. **Jud. 6:34** tells us God 'clothed Gideon with Himself.' **Ps 37:23-28; Rom 8:17; 1 Cor 2:9; Eph 2:4-5**

Righteousness means literally 'right standing with God.' None of us are righteous in ourselves, but we are made righteous as part of our salvation through the New Covenant of Jesus Christ. We receive His promise of righteousness as a gift from God when we are saved and live in it by faith. In order to live the triumphant life of the righteous, we must allow Him to transform our thoughts and behavior so it matches what He has accomplished for us when He transferred us from the Kingdom of Darkness into His Glorious Kingdom of Light. We are to clothe ourselves in the righteousness of Jesus. If we believe we are saved and purchased by the blood of Jesus, we need to also believe He has accomplished righteousness for us and put on the breastplate of righteousness to protect our hearts! **Meditate on these verses related to our righteousness and ask the LORD to give you revelation that penetrates your heart, mind and spirit with this truth! Jer. 23:5-6; Rom. 1:16-17; 3:21-22; 4:3,9; 20-22; 5:17-19; 10:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:17, 21; Gal. 3:6; Eph. 6:14**

*"This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life.
It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?"
God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are.
We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children.
And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance!
We go through exactly what Christ goes through.
If we go through the hard times with him,
then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!"*

Romans 8:15-17 (MSG)

Make this proclamation with a believing heart: I am one of His Righteous children, not because I am perfect or sinless, but because Jesus is my Savior and He has given me His gift of righteousness. His righteousness gives me the freedom to turn from sin and walk in His path of righteousness! Because He has made me righteous through His death on the cross, I can receive the promises He has made for the righteous in His Word! **Ps. 72:7**

God's Kingdom Is An Unshakable Kingdom And His People Will Not Be Shaken

"IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things),
not on the things that are on the earth.
For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died,
and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God." **Colossians 3:1-3 (AMP)**

Psalms 46:1-11 Note the contrast with what is happening on the earth... the earth is changing, the mountains slipping into the heart of the sea... mountains quaking.... Nations make an uproar, kingdoms tottering... the earth melting... desolations on the earth versus God is our refuge, strength, a very present help in trouble. We will not fear... God is in the midst of us, we will not be moved. God will help us. He is our stronghold. The LORD of hosts is with us.

Isa. 54:10 "'Though the mountains move and the hills shake, My love will not be removed from you and My covenant of peace will not be shaken,' Says your compassionate LORD."

Isa. 26:9, 20-21 (NASB) "Come, my people, enter into your rooms, And close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while Until indignation runs *its* course..."

Isaiah 28:16 (NLT2) "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken (unshakable).'"

Isaiah 33:6 "He will be the stability of your times, a wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge, the fear of the LORD is his treasure."

Ps. 15 (entire chapter) vs 5 "...he who does these things [lives honestly, practices righteousness, acknowledges the truth, does not slander or harm, honors those who fear the LORD, keeps his word, lends money] ... will never be moved (or will stand firm (#4131)forever." NLT

Ps. 16:8 "I keep the Lord in mind always, Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken (#4131)."
Quoted in Acts 2:25

Ps. 21:7 "For the king relies on the LORD; through the faithful love of the Most High he is not shaken (#4131)."

Ps. 55:22 "Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken (#4131)."

Ps. 60:1-5 "You have shaken the land, and split it open...save us with Your right hand and deliver us."

Ps. 62:2, 5-6 "He only is my Rock and my salvation, My stronghold, I will not be greatly shaken. ...Rest in God alone, my soul, for my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I will not be shaken." (#4131)

Ps. 112 (entire chapter lists traits of the righteous) Promise: **vs. 6** "He will not be shaken." (#4131)

Prov. 10:30 "The righteous will never be shaken, but the wicked will not remain on the earth."

Ps. 34:17 "The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them." Read entire chapter.

Ps. 145:13, 20 The Lord's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom... He keeps all who love Him.

Matt. 16:18-19 "... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Isa. 9:7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Dan. 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Da 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Mt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, be blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Lk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Lk 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Lk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

1 Pet. 1:4-5 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel,
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.
For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior..." **Isaiah 43:1-3 (NASB)**

HOLD FAST TO THE PROMISES: We Can Stand Firm On These Promises Because Of Our Assurance In God's Character! Faith in Him grows as we meditate on His Word and study His character. Andrew Murray said, "It is only a living faith that realizes our true position and privileges that keep us from falling short." **Heb. 3:6; Isa. 56:7 (See "Anchors that Hold" handout)**

*We are building our lives on the promises of God.
Because His Word is unbreakable, Our hope is unshakable.
We do not stand on the problems of life or the pain in life.
We stand on the great and precious promises of God.*
~~Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado

- ✓ **God is unchanging.** The same God who was faithful in the Bible will be faithful to us today. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever! **James 1:17; Heb. 13:8**
- ✓ **God is faithful** to keep His covenantal promises. **Ps. 89:34; Heb. 6:18; 10:23; Titus 1:2; Joshua 21:45; Rom. 4:20-21; 2 Pet. 1:4**
- ✓ **God is all-powerful** so nothing can thwart His plans and purposes. We can trust Him even when we cannot understand what He is doing. He is the author and the finisher of our faith. He will complete the good and perfect work He has begun in us! His love never fails! **Rom. 8:28; Isa. 55:8-11; John 4:4; 16:33; Rom. 16:20; Col. 2:14; Ps. 138:8; Ps. 57:2; Phil. 1:6; 1 Thes. 5:24; 2 Cor. 2:14-17; Ps. 34:8**
- ✓ **God is with us** (Immanuel) and He will never leave us, fail us or forsake us. **Ex. 3:12; Matt. 24:9; 28:20; Rom. 8:36-39; Dan. 3:24-25; John 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:11-12; Isa. 8:10-14; Heb. 13:5-6 (AMP)**

What is God speaking to your heart?

1. Is the Word of God your sole source of Truth? **John 17:17; Matt. 7:24-29**
2. Is your heart fully submitted to Him? **2 Chron. 16:9**
3. Is your trust fully in Him or in the things of this world? **Ps. 141:8**
4. Are there patterns in your life that keep you feeling comfortable and secure that need to be relinquished to the LORD?
5. Are there areas in your life that cause you to be entangled in the affairs of this world? Are you living a life separated to the LORD?
6. Is your identity based on your relationship with Christ, as a co-heir in His eternal kingdom or is it shaped by the views and attitudes of those living in this world?
7. Is God your source of provision in all things? Is He your source of security?

Response to God:

*“And be sure of this, I will be with you always,
even unto the end to the age.” Matt. 28:20*

*As it is written, ‘For Thy sake we are killed all the day long;
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’*

*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,
shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Romans 8:36-39 (KJV)