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shaken, not stirred

"He has promised, saying, 'yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.' now this, 'yet once more,' indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain." heb 12:26-27

what have you settled strong enough that it can't be shaken? He is going to shake everything loose your flesh refuses to willingly lay down. He does not do this out of anger, but from love. He does it because He desires to fellowship, to mingle with us again. that being said, this still remains true: "You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness." hab 1:13

how o Lord, we cry; how do we overcome? by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony. by "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." 2 cor 10:5 nasb we do it by meditating on "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." phil 4:8 "set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." col 3:2 all these scriptures were written to aid us in our walk of faith.

the crowd was stirred up at the judgement to crucify Jesus. are you letting the things of the world stir

you up? are your emotions getting stirred up? how about your anger? perhaps you have children or relatives that too often stir your feelings negatively. anything that separates you from the peace you have in Christ leaves you vulnerable to worse things. it opens a door to let other things come in; other spirits.

one of my pastors commented the other day about this scripture: "unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it." psalms 127:1 well-built houses must always be built on a solid foundation. we who believe, know Jesus is the foundation (rock) on which our house must be built. otherwise, "the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. and great was its fall." matt 7:27

it may seem trite, but i believe everyone knows the story about the three little pigs and the big bad wolf. a big bad wolf blows down the first two pigs' houses which made of straw and sticks respectively, but is unable to destroy the third pig's house that made of bricks. it was a strong house built on a firm foundation. and yes, there is a big bad wolf seeking to tear down what we have built; seeking to stir us up; to shake whatever he can, wherever he can.

"hold fast what you have till I come." rev 2:25 there's a shaking coming and only what can't be shaken will remain. confusion, deception, lies, lawlessness and more will try to shake your faith in the One who is coming. the closer His coming gets, the more determinedly the enemy tries distractions and all tricks he may. will your faith withstand all the

shaking and still have this witness: "for this reason i also suffer these things; nevertheless i am not ashamed, for i know whom i have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what i have committed to Him until that Day." 2 tim 1:12 He's God on the mountain and still God in the valley; even the valley of the shadow of death.

when the apostle paul had the Holy Spirit prophesy that bonds and afflictions lay ahead, what was his response? "but none of these things move me, neither count i my life dear unto myself, so that i might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which i have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." acts 20:24 paul was not stirred by what was prophesied. his life had crumbled before while seeking to serve God. now he was standing on the Rock that couldn't be shaken.

we have all received the ministry of paul, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. will our response be the same as his? will we all be able to testify to our lives as he did at the end? "i have fought a good fight, i have finished my course, i have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 tim 4:7-8

when it finally gets to the point He is all we have, maybe then we will realize He's all we need.