



The Shaking

Revelation, Realization, and Fruitfulness

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"Explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words."

1 Corinthians 2:13

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“This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.”

Hebrews 12:27

There is a revelation of “the shaking”,
and then there’s a realization of “the shaking”.

One day, as I was waiting in the car for my wife, Frances, to come out of the X-Ray clinic, I prayed: *“Lord, really, yet one more crisis? It’s like the beginning of the Book of Job! Do you really need to be allowing ALL of this to be going on at the same time in our lives in order to accomplish what you desire?”*

As I prayed, I recalled “the shaking” spoken of in Hebrews 12.

I said, *“Lord, I realize that You are shaking everything, but”*

I stopped, as my thoughts jumped to a particular verse (v 27):

“This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.” And that phrase became “highlighted” in my heart and mind – “created things”.

I had stopped speaking (in prayer) and was now pondering (in prayer): Whenever I’ve read this passage in Hebrews 12, I always thought first in terms of things in the world system being shaken.

And then, I would think too of the Lord shaking things down in the man-made church systems. Sometimes, I would also think of the effect of the shakings on the lives of unbelievers, and the possibilities of God getting their attention and turning their hearts and lives towards Him. But now, I was focused on the words “created things”. And I *realized*: “I’m a created ‘thing’! Why have I not considered the possibility of even my own body and soul being shaken?”

This was more of a realization than a revelation. I *realized*:

“Yes, I am being shaken – in my physical body through injuries, physical disabilities, and a list of health issues. And I am being shaken in my emotions through strange trials and perplexing circumstances in our life.”

I can relive the feelings I had at times when I just “caved in” emotionally, being over-whelmed with the harsh realities of my physical disabilities and the perplexities of our life situation. There is a feeling I can only describe as an utter *emptiness inside* – a *hollowness in my soul*. I know that I have the Spirit of God in my spirit, but *in my soul*, I’m shaken to the core of my being with the *realization* that God gave me my first breath and will give me my last. Without the “holding power” of His life I would be dead. This is **the realization**. Conversely, the illusion, which originates at the Fall, is that we live like we are in control of our lives. That is

actually insanity, but let's rather just describe it as being like a two-year-old child standing on his father's lap, with his hands on the steering wheel, thinking he is really driving the car.

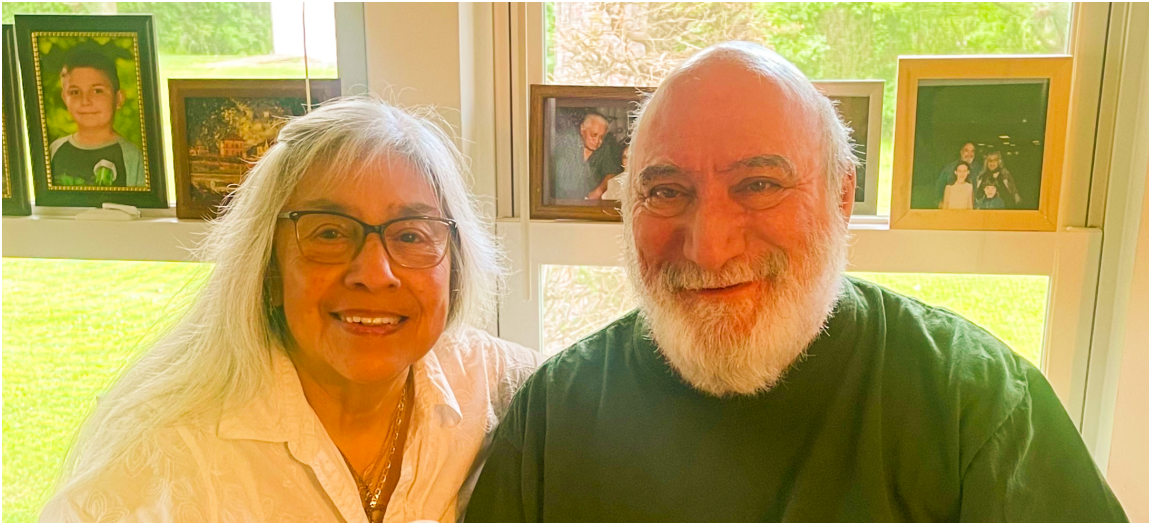
No, *the reality* is: I am a "created thing" – utterly shakable; and this "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable." (1 Corinthians 15:50) But God is forming something *spiritual* in me through these shakings – spiritual things which are part of His kingdom "which cannot be shaken". This gives us something to consider when we contemplate our personal goals for this life here on the earth.

There is a revelation of "the shaking",
there's a realization of "the shaking",
and then there is the fruitfulness of "the shaking"

Later that day or the next, I thought more about the intensity of these shakings going on in our lives. I reasoned jokingly with the Lord: "*You must have an awful lot to accomplish, and very little time left to do it.*" The verse came to me ... "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper, And the one who treads grapes will overtake him who sows the seed." (Amos 9:13) Here we see someone reaping the grain – with someone coming up fast behind him plowing the field to make

ready for another sowing. We see someone treading grapes - the end of the harvesting process, overtaking someone sowing the seed – the beginning of the harvesting process. A very strange and unnatural situation, indeed! What could that possibly mean? Those doing the work of plowing and treading are moving along at a normal pace, but there is such *an abundance* to be reaped and sown that those doing that work are being overtaken. This is a picture of *extraordinary fruitfulness* – the Lord producing *an abundance of spiritual fruit in one's life* – through **“the shaking of the created things – yet once more.”**

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