

## **Standing Secure in the Shakings**

‘A husband and wife were discussing old times when the husband said, “My dear, I have taken you safely over all the rough spots of life”. “Yes, dear”, said the wife, “and I don’t think you missed a one of them”.’ Well, I don’t know if that marriage is in good shape, or about to collapse! While they spoke of the “rough spots of life”, they were surely referring to personal, family, relationship difficulties that everyone goes through at one time or other. We all have trying times, as they truly are an integral part of life, this corrupted, fallen life we’ve been bequeathed by our human progenitor, Adam, because he blew it in the Garden of Eden so very long ago. We’ve all been paying that price ever since.

But there is a whole other level of “rough spots”. If you’re somehow unaware of them, you need look no further than recent news reports, both from now and the last several years. For those who might not have noticed, basically the whole world went through a sort of pandemic, which claimed millions of lives, largely due to scandalous medical malpractices, and continues to kill as the side effects, foreseen, purposed, or not, still break out in people today, many of them young people in their prime. Euphemistically, the establishment is calling them “excess deaths”, meaning far more people are dying prematurely, throwing the funeral indus-

try's and the life and medical insurance companies' actuarial charts out of kilter! So many more young deaths than normal. And there was 2020's stolen presidential election. We've yet to get to the very bottom of the criminality of formerly trusted government offices, political parties, intelligence agencies, and even some traitorous next-door neighbors. There was the false flag operation of January 6th assaulting America's "temple" of democracy. All preceded by the supposed murder of a black man by a white policeman in Minneapolis, which set off orchestrated riots, burnings, and subsequent lawlessness and crime sprees by folks who, in normal circumstances, would be more self-restrained.

Well, folks, that was perhaps, we can call it, round one. Despite elevated crime levels, we've entered round two. The current regime's deliberate throwing open the border to floods of illegal aliens, in liberal doublespeak "undocumented asylum seekers", coupled with unprecedented deficit spending, and ongoing lawfare against a former, duly-elected president, Donald Trump. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, attempting to annex the entire country, and reestablish the Russian Empire, which, truth be told, never really fell, but just lost control of many borderlands. If all that wasn't enough, Iran, through its proxy terrorist group Hamas, launched, an unimaginably cruel, inhumane, totally unprovoked attack on Israel, resulting in an on-going war that threatens to spread across the globe. And in a seeming repeat of 2020's "summer of love" which burned cars, blew up police precincts,

murdered police and innocents alike, destroyed the livelihoods, businesses and neighborhoods of mostly black folks, counterproductive by design, this year's new "summer of love" currently running rampant in our cities, and centered on our college campuses, is again the very opposite of what it claims. It's not love in the least. What they call "love", is actually "hate", in its purest form as seen in the video footage shot by the Hamas terrorists as they raped, maimed and slaughtered Jews who had made the mistake of loving their enemies to the point they became too trusting.

All these things, to say nothing of the explosion of natural disasters, devastating earthquakes, tornadoes, floods—major catastrophes occurring all around us, all because of supposed manmade climate change; all these our Lord Jesus warned us would come at the end of this age. He called them birth pangs. These convulsions, "contractions", necessarily precede the birthing of new life. As women who've given birth can personally attest to, these pains are excruciating and grow worse as the baby gets ready to make its entrance into this world. Note these people are women, not "birthing parent". But of course, satan will be perfectly content when more technology and medical malpractice truly creates nonbinary people who can give birth, if they so desire, and even nurse babes with newly developed, add-on body parts; truly, the death of humanity made in the image of God.

Why is this so crucial? Why is the devil putting all his eggs into one basket of destroying and then remaking our identities?

You see, God controls, rules and administers the earth through His people! The Jews and Christians. God normally does not act independently of His people. Which is why He painstakingly waits to act until His people pray, and make themselves available to be His agents in bringing about what is being prayed for, which is His will to begin with. This is why the devil is not satisfied with just ruling earth, which he stole from Adam, and which is why, he must pull out all the stops to so corrupt what it means to be human, our being, our life, our spiritual life, because we are made in the very image of God. The devil's "prime directive" is to so corrupt our DNA, with genetic manipulation, transhumanism, transsexualism, biotechnological hybridization of humans, so they become so different from our original, God-created makeup that we no longer carry God's image, nor His delegated spiritual, temporal and material, physical authority to rule and maintain this earth. Thereby the devil solidifies and codifies his possession of not only earth, but of the very beings God created to sustain and maintain it.

Think. Before Adam and Eve sinned, there was no entropy on this earth. Everything was perfect. Heaven on earth. But with their sin, they cut off the full flow of God's life power and energy which continuously renews, restores, and refreshes the earth and ultimately, all the cosmos. Thus, the earth and everything in it has been going downhill ever since. Everything's been disintegrating and decaying slowly but surely from then till now. While all this may seem unprecedented to us, in actuality, our current calami-

tous world situation is by no means a new thing, as the devil attempted this before during Noah's days, which is why Lord Jesus told us that at the end of this age, things would be just like they were in Noah's days, in the run up to the Flood. But even that may well not have been the first time the devil attempted a coup de tat against God. Otherwise inexplicable archaeological finds and discoveries give credence to the existence of a prior race of beings on this earth, a civilization that predates God's creation of Adam and Eve. It would seem that the devil has been trying to usurp God for much longer than we've previously conceived.

Having said that, in God's foreknowledge of all things, He purposely made Adam and Eve in His very image, unlike all the other beings He'd previously made, the devil included, God made us special, to be His ambassadors, His governors, His administrators, His shepherds on and for this earth and all its new creatures. Adam duly named all the creatures thus establishing his lordship, dominion, over all this created order, delegated authority from the Father God. And in both explaining to us the bigger picture of what's been going on in the cosmos from before we even were created, our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, came, most importantly to set in motion God's plan from before all ages began, to permanently set all things right, with His rule in Christ given for us to wield, restoring all things so that Heaven's perfection once again permeates all this earth and cosmos. No more death. No more pain. No more sin. No more lies. No more injustice. Only

love. True love. Love like Lord Jesus displayed for us in Gethsemane, on Calvary's Cross, and on the third day when He overthrew the rule of the spirit of death, and broke open the gates of hell and hades to release those being held captive by death. This is what Christ means that we love each other deeply, sacrificially.

You see, God's got everything well in hand. But the birth pangs, the shakings have got to continue until everything loose falls away and burns up in the fires of hell. Only the pure and perfect will remain. Our works in service of God, performed as we obey His commands, in Holy Spirit's power, as spoken to us by Messiah, those will remain. Forever. They will stand, secure despite all shakings. We will stand, securely, because He has promised He will be with us, come what may. And we know that His promises can not ever be broken. For God is truly a God of His Word. So as we see the tumult increasing around us, and folks, the worst is yet to come, the next couple of years, this summer, this fall, we'll be held safely in our Savior's arms, if we remain in Him. If we love. For love is the very essence of God, and it is His love, pouring into us and out from us to the world, that enables the Lord to both bring in the greatest harvest of souls this earth has and will ever see, and build an entirely new Jerusalem, come down from Heaven to Earth, to continuously give never-ending light and forever, eternal life to humanity and its earth, world without end. Amen. Folks, just believe and pray. Prayer keeps you in touch, and plugged in to God, firmly attached to the Vine!

