

# Security in an Insecure World

Heb 12:27

## Introduction:

1. We live in an insecure world
2. Even the ground beneath your feet is not secure
3. Talk about the Haiti earthquake
  - a. Nearly a month ago – Jan 12 – a series of earthquakes struck the island nation of Haiti
  - b. These earthquakes were between magnitudes 6.5 and 7.3
  - c. A very populated area was struck – Port-Au-Prince the capital of Haiti
  - d. Before the earthquake, Haiti was considered the poorest nation in the western hemisphere
  - e. In recent years three hurricanes had hit the nation leaving an already poor nation in even worse condition
  - f. Like me you watched the newscasts and read reports of the destruction
    1. The devastation was described as apocalyptic
    2. Some described the destruction as being of biblical proportions
    3. With a death-toll estimated to be over 200,000 it is hard for us to imagine the extent of this humanitarian catastrophe
4. We live in an insecure world.

## **I. Things Which Will Be Shaken**

### **A. The Physical World is Often Shaken**

1. Nature proves this often – what man makes can easily be shaken
  - a) *Tornados sweep through an area wreaking havoc*
  - b) *Hurricanes, floods, earthquakes*
2. Space and heavenly bodies will be shaken – Matt 24:29  
**29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:**
3. The earth will be shaken – 2Pet 3:10  
**10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

### **B. The Political World is Often Shaken**

1. Who would have thought that East and West Germany would have been reunited in our lifetimes?
2. Who would have believed that the Berlin Wall would be torn down in our lifetimes?
3. Who would have thought that the Soviet Union would be broken up and Communism would fail there?
4. Who would have thought that Scott Brown, a Republican could win the senate seat that belonged to Ted Kennedy for five decades

### **C. The Financial World is Often Shaken**

1. Great Depression of the late 20s began with crash of the stock market
  - a) *Fortunes were lost in one day*
  - b) *Investors jumped from the windows of bldgs on Wall Street*
2. In the last 2 years we have seen good financial times disappear
  - a) *Who would have thought that AIG would have to be bailed out*
  - b) *What a surprise that GM needed govt help*
  - c) *The bottom dropped out of the housing market*
  - d) *Unemployment rose*
  - e) *Our 401ks dropped to half of their previous value*
3. When the antichrist comes, he will find a world with fin problems ←

### **D. Life's Foundations Can Be Shaken**

**Pr 27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.**

1. Death may come at any time
  - a) *People were in school on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> in Haiti not knowing that it was their last day in school*
  - b) *People were in their offices in the capital of Haiti that fearful day when the buildings came crashing down*
  - c) *Tourists and visitors were in hotel rooms that evening when the unthinkable happened*
  - d) *Missionaries and aid workers were busy doing their work that day*
  - e) *Wives kissed their husbands good-bye that morning expecting to see them return that afternoon*
2. Life's foundations can be shaken
  - a) *Many who expected to be alive today are gone*
  - b) *Death has invaded our church - snatched away loved ones*
3. In a normal day 100,000 funerals are held and the solemn words, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust" can be heard

## **II. Things Which Cannot Be Shaken**

- Our physical world can be shaken
- Our political world can be shaken
- Our financial world can be shaken
- Even life's foundations can be shaken
- The good news is that there are some things that cannot be shaken

### **A. The Throne of God Cannot Be Shaken – Isa 14:12**

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

1. No matter what happens on earth, God's throne cannot be shaken
2. The devil tried to take over God's throne and failed
3. God still wields the scepter today
4. God is still in control, He is sovereign over all ←
5. A crash of thunder sent a three-year old flying into her parent's bedroom. "Mommy, I'm scared," she said. The mother, half-awake and half-unconscious, replied, "Go back to your room. God will be there with you." The small figure stood in the unlit doorway for a moment and then said softly, "Mommy, I'll sleep here with Daddy and you go in there and sleep with God."

### **B. The Word of God Cannot Be Shaken**

1. Modernists deny the Word of God, infidels defame it, atheists abuse it, scientists ridicule it
2. Many try to change the Word of God
3. Others will try to discredit it
4. In spite of this, there are many who love the Word of God
  - a) *Ps 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*
  - b) *Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*
  - c) *Mt 5:18 ...Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*
  - d) *Mt 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*
  - e) *1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.*
5. The blacksmith and anvil illustration ←

### **C. The Son of God Cannot Be Shaken**

Heb 1:12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

1. Many have denied His deity – virgin birth
2. Some say that Jesus is just a good teacher, prophet, good example
3. Denying Christ or rejecting Him does not destroy his authority
  - a) *Believers will stand before Christ for judgment*
  - b) *Unbelievers will stand before Christ for judgment* ←

### **D. The Church of God Cannot Be Shaken – Matt 16:18**

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1. Jesus came to build a church
2. The Lord's church will continue till Jesus returns
3. The devil will not wipe out Christ's church
4. The Lord's church cannot be shaken since it is built on the Rock and the Rock cannot be shaken
5. Many today are freelance Christians

1Tim 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

### **E. The Salvation of God Cannot Be Shaken – Jn 10:27**

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

1. Our salvation is secure, it is safe
2. We don't have to worry about our salvation failing
3. Jn 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
4. 1Jo 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.
5. Rock of Gibraltar illustration ←

Conclusion –

1. Is your faith in Jesus Christ for salvation

Many years ago, a father and his daughter were walking through the grass on the Canadian prairie. In the distance, they saw a prairie fire; they realized it eventually would engulf them. The father knew there was only one way of escape: they would quickly begin a fire right where they were and burn a large patch of grass. When the huge fire drew near, they then would stand on the section that had already burned. When the fire approached them, the girl was terrified by the raging flames. But her father assured her, "The flames can't get to us. We are standing where the fire has already been!" [emphasis Lutzer] Are you afraid of God's judgment? If you have trusted Christ as Savior, you can never come under His wrath. When you depend on Him, you are secure; you are where the wrath of God already has been.

2. The things of this world are shaky and not secure foundations

**Mt 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**

Re 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Re 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Times will be so bad that people will be willing to take the mark of the beast in order to transact business

Ps 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Re 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

A husband and wife were taking a Mediterranean cruise and saw a mountain in the distance. The captain walked by and the man said to him, "Captain, what mountain is that in the distance?" "That is the rock of Gibraltar." the captain explained. As the ship drew closer, the travelers could see a white substance on the side of the huge rock. "What is that white stuff on the side of the rock of Gibraltar?" the man asked the captain. The captain replied that it was concrete. "Years ago the rock showed signs of crumbling so the British sent shiploads of concrete to reinforce it." You see, time and tide can effect even the great rock of Gibraltar, but nothing can effect the salvation we have in Christ Jesus. Build your life, your future, your home, your business on the rock that never changes.