

Study 4: The Shaking

In this study we will have a closer look at the shaking. We will answer the following questions: What is the shaking and what will cause it?

When we study the book of Revelation, and especially the final movement or the church of Laodicea, we see that there will come a time where Jesus will vomit people out of His body / church.

Revelation 3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will **vomit you out of My mouth**.

The church is the body of Christ and He is the Head, as we have seen before. For Christ to vomit people out means that they come from His body. This is crucial to understand. This vomiting isn't a vomiting of worldly people, but rather of His people!

"The figure of **spewing out of His mouth** means that He cannot offer up your **prayers** or your expressions of love to God. **He cannot endorse your teaching of His word** or your **spiritual work** in anywise. He cannot present your religious exercises with the request that grace be given you." {6T 408.2}

This vomiting process leads to a rejection of the three main spiritual exercises of the Christian. There are three ornaments in the Holy Place of the Sanctuary, which refer to the spiritual exercises of the Christian - prayer, reading the word and witnessing. All these exercises will be rejected by Christ, and the quote says specifically: "*He cannot endorse your **teaching of His word**.*" Meaning that Christ is unhappy with what people teach from His word.

What is the shaking?

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth **by the counsel** of the **True Witness to the Laodiceans**. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this **straight testimony**. They will rise up against it, **and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people**. I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must **work deep repentance**; all who truly receive it will obey it, and be purified." {CET 176.2}

Some would teach that the shaking will be caused by the teaching of the feasts or the anti-Trinitarian doctrine. But the above quote clearly states what this straight testimony is, it is the counsel of the True Witness. What is this counsel and what will the result be?

Revelation 3:18, 19 "I **counsel** you to **buy from Me gold refined in the fire**, that you may be rich; and **white garments**, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and **anoint your eyes with eye salve**, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be **zealous and repent**.

As we read in Revelation 3, true revival will come when we buy the rich goods which the True Witness has to offer. We don't need a new movement, we don't need new doctrines. *What we need is a spiritual revival of primitive godliness*. We need to repent of our sins and surrender our lives to Christ on a moment by moment basis. Listen to the following quote in relation to the straight testimony:

"The Lord calls for a **renewal of the straight testimony** borne in years past. He calls for a **renewal of spiritual life**. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death. By **prayer and confession of sin** we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the **Spirit will come**

to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come, for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power. ... I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the **spurious for the genuine**. Let not **human reason** be placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. Let not **erroneous theories** receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the **fundamental principles** that are based upon **unquestionable authority.**" {CCh 326.7}

Here we clearly see that the message to God's people for these last days is a message of spiritual revival, the counsel of the True Witness. We are warned that this revival will be thwarted if we accept "erroneous theories", "human reason", "the spurious for the genuine." The keeping of the feasts are nowhere CLEARLY commanded in the New Testament or the Spirit of Prophecy; rather it is human reason of interpreting texts and Spirit of Prophecy quotes that lead to erroneous theories. If this was God's will for His people it would have been CLEARLY stated in the book 'The Great Controversy' as the Sabbath is.

The same goes for the anti-Trinitarian doctrine, it is human reasoning. There is NOT a SINGLE CLEAR quote warning us against the belief in the Three Person Godhead in the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy. I am talking about a quote as clear as the Spirit of Prophecy warns us against worship on Sunday. Once again it is human reasoning, which leads to erroneous theories. It diverts people's focus to these topics. If you were to ask the men preaching these doctrines what they would preach if they only had one sermon to preach before Jesus comes, then the feasts or the anti-Trinitarian doctrine would be in that sermon. But that is not the message for our people. The message is the counsel of the True Witness. And the message to the world is the three angel's messages.

In our next study we will look at the Omega apostasy....

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