

Fishers of Men!

In A Shaking World

Our world has many ways in destroying the things in it. Accidents and natural disasters are an inherent characteristic of life on this planet.

Floods, tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, snow, storms, heat waves, disease, and fortuitous mishaps of all sorts are part of the natural order of things.

It is clear to every realistic observer that this world and all in it are not eternal. It is a self-destructive "shaking world". But this is where we live, our habitat, our home. So we make the best of it. We study our world with every scientific device we can muster in order to anticipate and protect ourselves from its destructive forces. We insure ourselves and our property against the occurrence of calamity. These measures do not dissipate these destructive forces; they only give us a little more protection from them.

Whatever we build and achieve and value in this sphere will crumble and dissolve. Death will eventually rob us of all our treasures. However most of our whole system is grounded in temporal things, a foundation which cannot stand in a shaking world. We try to build a life and on a conglomeration of lands, houses, furniture and cars. We seek security in knowledge, vocation, money and insurance. We glory in the sights and sounds and taste and touch of human creations. Things which merely minister to life become the very essence of our life.

We cannot build anything of lasting worth in a world that is shaking. However, Christians have received a kingdom which cannot be shaken, (Hebrews 12: 26-28), "whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also

heaven. (27) 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. (28) Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear." "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20). We are only pilgrims in this world, (I Peter 2:11). "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." The things we treasure are not subject to the destructive forces of nature because our treasures are laid up in heaven. (Matthew 6: 19 20)"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. (20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth, nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." "We will then have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1) you see, God's kingdom is an indestructible kingdom (Daniel 2:44).

Here we can build a life that will last; our work is eternal. So let all of us invest in this unshakeable kingdom. Please think on these things

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