THE GREAT SHAKING

In the book of Hebrews, the apostle Paul tells of two mountains. The first was Mt. Sinai, an earthly mount that could be touched with hands, where God spoke audibly to His chosen people. “Obey my voice and keep my covenant” He said, “and you will be my special people, above all people.” Exodus 19:5-6 The mountain was on fire, the earth shook, thunders rolled, trumpets were pealing, and they heard the voice of God speaking. So fearful was the sight that the people refused to hear the voice of God, saying to Moses, “Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.” Exodus 20:19. That generation never received the promise because they refused to hear God’s voice. The earth “shook” that day, and that entire generation, with the exception of Moses, Joshua, and Caleb, were also “shaken” and “moved out of the way” Hebrews 12:27.

God’s word speaks to our generation saying, “You are come unto Mt. Sion.” Hebrews 12:22. The promise that was lost to those at Sinai is offered to those who gather to Mt. Sion. Those who receive the voice that speaks there will be God’s “special people, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.” Paul tells us about this “Mt. Sion.” It is “the city of God, the heavenly Jerusalem.” In it is “an innumerable company of angels; the general assembly and church of the firstborn.” “God, the judge of all” is there, along with “the spirits of just men made perfect” Hebrews 12:23. Among these are Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and all others who “died in faith” Hebrews 11:13-16.

“Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant” is also there, and it is his blood that is speaking. Paul wrote that this “blood of sprinkling … speaketh better things than that of Abel.” Hebrews 12:24. The blood that Abel “sprinkled” was the animal blood of his “more excellent sacrifice,” Hebrews 11:4 which spoke of a covering for sins. The blood of Jesus speaks of better things. It speaks of “justification” Romans 5:9 and sanctification, Hebrews 13:12. It speaks of “cleansing from all sin” 1 John 1:7, “washing from sin” Revelation 1:5, “redemption” Ephesians 1:7, “purification” Hebrews 9:13-14, “pardon” Romans 3:25, “peace” Colossians 1:20, “entrance” Hebrews 10:19, “perfected in works” Hebrews 13:20-21, and “made to be overcomers” Revelation 12:11.

Jesus warned, “Take heed what you hear” Mark 4:24. Always remember, “There are many voices, but only one Word of God.” The “voice” of the gospel is the blood of Jesus Christ, which was “sprinkled” to take sin out of the heart of man, and the “voice” of a true prophet is always “the testimony of Jesus” Revelation 19:10. In Mt. Sinai, the “voice” was God, and the people refused to hear. The “voice” speaking from Mt. Sion is the blood of Jesus Christ. “See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.” Hebrews 12:25.

Modern day prophets warn of “the great shaking,” usually of carnal things like the crash of the stock market and the collapse of the American economy. These will come, but the “prophets” have prophesied visions of their own hearts when they call it the “great shaking.” Over four hundred years before Christ, the prophet Haggai prophesied, “Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come” Haggai 6-7. God said there would be “one more shaking.” The first shaking was at Sinai, and the last would be at Mt. Sion. God shook the earth at Sinai. At Mt. Sion, the “sprinkling” of the blood of Jesus “shook both heaven and earth.” By it Satan was “cast out of heaven” Revelation 12:9-11, and “the world was turned upside down” Acts 17:6. But false teachers entered, denying “the speaking of the blood,” thus “turning the grace of God into lasciviousness” Jude 1-4. Their “gospel” made Christ to “be of no effect” Galatians 5:4 to all who believed it, and “the truth” Jesus said would “make you free” John 8:36 was lost for centuries. The “church” has been weak and sinful unto this day wherever the “speaking of the blood” is not heard.

My friend Betty Jean Robinson wrote a beautiful prophetic song titled “It’s Going to Rain Again.” This I know, the “blood of Jesus” will speak once more as the gospel of Christ is restored to the church. Every nation, kingdom, and religion will be “shaken” as the blood speaks through gospel preachers. The “fads of religion,” so popular in our generation, will be exposed for what they are. Those who cling to either “law” or “lasciviousness” will be shaken and removed. While many in the modern “church” are being shaken and removed, Hebrews 12:27 many in the heathen religions of the world will hear. The greatest harvest of souls will take place just before the return of Jesus Christ when the message which the blood speaks is heard once more. “And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.”

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