

Eight Things the Election will Not Shake!

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **Hebrews 12:28**– “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”
1. Some 26 days or so ago our nation’s attention, and the world’s for that matter, was turned to our national elections.
 2. Many of those who champion the cause for conservatism and desired to see our nation return to a greater recognition of God and acknowledgment of Him as the Creator and Guardian of this nation He so founded, came away disappointed . . . Disillusioned . . . Discouraged . . . Exhibiting hurt feelings . . . Despondent . . . Angry . . . Shaken . . . Bewildered . . . Uncertain about the future . . . Wondering why their prayers for a different outcome were not answered.
 3. **Illustration:** Willette Gospel meeting . . . Visiting preacher from Texas was brought over to meet me.
- B. It is being well written about that we are living in an ever-changing world . . . And it is obvious that many of those changes are not for good.
- 11/25/12 – The Tennessean . . . the Sunday front page headline: “Christian Right Falls from Mainstream.” Page 6: “Religious Influence Waning”
1. Has God failed us? . . . Or, Have we failed God?
 2. The Christian values that have guided our nation for nearly 400 years are being openly rejected in Washington, D.C. and throughout our nation.
 3. A post-election survey from the Public Religion Research institute found that **51%** of Americans feel the country is on the wrong track. The number jumps to **80%** when only Caucasian voters are asked.
 4. Some religious leaders have said that American will become more and more secular in the future and will come to resemble Europe.
 5. Secularization has replaced the influence of religious values in our nation’s politics and culture.
 6. Church membership in America is declining. Considering these figures:
 - a. Today about **1** in **5** Americans have no religious affiliation.
 - b. **20%** of the U.S. public is religiously unaffiliated
 - c. **33%** of adults under 30 are religiously unaffiliated
 - d. **13** million are self-ascribed atheists and agnostics. (Risen from 13% to 19% in recent years)
 - e. **28%** describe themselves as Protestant
 - f. **65%** describe themselves as “religious”
 - g. **18%** describe themselves as “spiritual but not religious”

7. On Black Friday people want great deals but on Black Sunday people do not want not God's will.

C. Today I want to offer you encouragement and perspective. While we may be living in a different America into which we were born, and while elections may disappoint us more often than not these days, there are some things we must remember and must not lose sight of.

1. These things are temporary, but we are not!
2. Our world is temporary, but we are not!
3. Our nation, and all nations, are temporary, but we are not!
4. Our national citizenship here is temporary, but we are not!
5. **Hebrews 12:28** – "...We are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken..."
 - a. That should be our focus.
 - b. Take your focus off of that and we, like Peter when He took His focus off of Jesus, will begin to sink.
 - c. Here and now is not all there is for God's people.
 - d. This world is not our permanent and final home, we are just passing through on our way to a place "which cannot be shaken."
 1. **2 Peter 3:10** – "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."
 2. **Daniel 2:21** – "And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings . . ."
 3. **1 Corinthians 15:19** – "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."
 4. Because this world will one day disappear, faith concentrates on the heavenly promises.
 - a. The future, unseen world is actually more real than this present one. This one can be shaken and destroyed, but Christians *are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.*
 - b. This kingdom exists now in the hearts of God's children and will become a physical reality when the present world disappears.
 - c. Although this world will be shaken apart, God's kingdom can never be shaken.

D. What am I saying? I am saying we pertain to a kingdom that is permanent and unchanging.

1. The meaning is, that the kingdom of the Redeemer is never to pass away. It is not like the Jewish dispensation, to give place to another, nor is there any power that can destroy it.

2. It has now endured nearly 2,000 years, amidst all the revolutions on earth, and in spite of all the attempts which have been made to destroy it; and it is now as vigorous and stable as it ever was.
3. The past has shown that there is no power of earth or hell that can destroy it, and that in the midst of all revolutions this kingdom still survives. Its great principles and laws will endure on earth to the end of time, and will be made permanent in heaven.
4. This is the only kingdom in which we can be certain that there will be no revolution; the only empire which is destined never to fall. **Psalm 46:10** – “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.”

EIGHT

- A. We will continue to believe in God and the Bible – In that we will not be Shaken!
- B. We will continue to worship God in spirit and truth – in that we will not be shaken!
- C. We will continue to practice the golden rule in all matters – in that we will not be shaken!
- D. We will continue to uphold the sanctity of the home and human life – in that we will not be shaken!
- E. We will continue to love Christ and His Church completely – in that we will not be shaken!
- F. We will continue to seek the lost and lead them to Jesus – in that we will not be shaken!
- G. We will continue to be Biblical correct as opposed to political correct, and continue preach the truth in love – in that we will not be shaken!
- H. We will continue to focus our heart, mind, soul, and strength on Heaven – in that we will not be shaken!

CONCLUSION:

- A. This is not a time for giving up . . . It is a time of continuing to go forward.
 1. Go forward with your prayer.
 2. Go forward with your service to God.
 3. Go forward with your compassion for others.
 4. Go forward with your teaching of others.
 5. Go forward with your faithfulness.
- B **Hebrews 12:28** - “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which **CANNOT** be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God

acceptably with reverence and godly fear.” (Does not say “will not” . . . It says “cannot”)

1. We had enough faith to ask . . . Let us have enough faith to trust God’s will in this and all outcomes in this temporary life in this temporary place.
2. I am not downplaying the importance of an election . . . I am up-playing the importance of faith that God’s will will be done and His will will be the eventual outcome for all things.
3. **Psalm 46:1-3** – **“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.** Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah ”

C. **God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation**