

Shaking the Laodiceans

“The mighty shaking has commenced and will go on, and **all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth**, and to **sacrifice** for God and His cause.” EW 50.3

“In this time, the **gold will be separated** from the dross in the church.” 5T 81.1

“We are in the shaking time, the time when **everything that can be shaken will be shaken**. The Lord will not excuse those who **know** the truth if they do not in word and deed **obey** His commands. **If we make no effort to win souls** to Christ we shall be **held responsible** for the work we **might** have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom **must work earnestly** for the saving of souls. They must **do their part** to bind up the law and seal it among the disciples.” 6T 331.2

“I saw some, with **strong faith and agonizing cries, pleading** with God. Their countenances were pale and marked with deep anxiety, expressive of their **internal struggle**. Firmness and great earnestness was expressed in their countenances; large drops of perspiration fell from their foreheads. Now and then their faces would light up with the marks of God's approbation, and again the same solemn, earnest, anxious look would settle upon them. EW 269.1

Evil angels crowded around, pressing darkness upon them to shut out Jesus from their view, that their eyes might be drawn to the darkness that surrounded them, and thus they be **led to distrust God and murmur** against Him. Their **only safety** was in keeping their eyes directed upward. **Angels of God** had charge over His people, and as the poisonous atmosphere of evil angels was pressed around these anxious ones, the **heavenly angels were continually wafting their wings** over them to scatter the thick darkness. EW 269.2

As the **praying ones** continued their earnest cries, at times a ray of light from Jesus came to them, to encourage their hearts and light up their countenances. **Some**, I saw, **did not participate** in this **work of agonizing and pleading**. They seemed **indifferent** and **careless**. They were not resisting the darkness around them, and it shut them in like a thick cloud. The **angels of God left these** and went to the aid of the earnest, praying ones. I saw **angels of God hasten** to the assistance of all who were **struggling with all their power to resist the evil angels** and trying to help themselves by **calling upon God** with perseverance. But **His angels left those who made no effort** to help themselves, and I lost sight of them. EW 270.1

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.” EW 270.2

“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.” GW 307.4

Proverbs 14:25 A **true witness** delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies. [**Exodus 20:16** Thou shalt not bear **false witness** against thy neighbour.]

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and **true witness**, the beginning of the creation of God;

Revelation 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold [4xs with 3 in Revelation 3:15-16, Matthew 10:42, whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.] **nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot** [2xs, both here in Revelation].

Revelation 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm [1x, here], and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

“**Christ will cease to take your name upon his lips in his intercession** with the Father, unless there is a **decided change** in the **life and characters** of those who have wandered from the living God, and forsaken his **service**.” RH July 24, 1888, par. 2

“I have read of a man who, journeying on a winter's day through the deep, drifted snow, became benumbed by the cold, which was almost imperceptibly stealing away his vital powers. And as he was nearly chilled to death by the embrace of the frost king, and about to give up the struggle for life, he heard the moans of a brother traveler, who was perishing with cold as he was about to perish. His humanity was aroused to rescue him. He chafed the ice-clad limbs of the unfortunate man, and, after considerable effort, raised him to his feet; and as he could not stand, he bore him in sympathizing arms through the very drifts he had thought he could never succeed in getting through alone. And when he had borne his fellow traveler to a place of safety, the truth flashed home to him that in **saving his neighbor he had saved himself** also. His earnest efforts to save another quickened the blood which was freezing in his own veins, and created a healthful warmth in the extremities of the body. 4T 319.3

Revelation 3:17 Because thou sayest, **I am rich** [Matthew 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. | Luke 6:24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. | Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. | Luke 18:23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. | Luke 19:2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. | 1Timothy 6:17 Charge

them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.], and increased with goods [most often translated “rich”], and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Revelation 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Mark 10:46 They came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, **blind** Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side **begging**.

Mark 10:47 And when he **heard** that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to **cry out**, and say, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, **have mercy** on me.

Mark 10:48 And **many charged him** that he should hold his peace: but he **cried the more a great deal**, *Thou* Son of David, **have mercy** on me.

Mark 10:49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him **to be called**. And **they** call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good **comfort**, rise; he calleth thee.

Mark 10:50 And he, **casting away his garment**, rose, and came to Jesus.

Mark 10:51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?** The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might **receive my sight**.

Mark 10:52 And Jesus said unto him, **Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole**. And **immediately** he received his sight, and **followed Jesus** in the way.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, **I stand** at the door, and knock: if any man **hear my voice**, and **open the door**, **I will come in** to him, and will **sup** with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 3:22 He that hath an **ear**, let him **hear** what the **Spirit** saith unto the churches.

“The **reason** why the churches are **weak** and **sickly** and **ready to die**, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has **sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter**, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, **saying**, “**This is the way, walk ye in it.**” Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and he can strengthen the wavering, and set right the erring. He can inspire with confidence, with hope in God; and confidence in God always results in creating confidence in one another.” RH August 26, 1890, par. 10