

Faith Christian Fellowship

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Surely: Things You Can Count on in Turbulent Times

2: Deliverance is Near

TEXT: Psalms 85:9 / Haggai 2:6-9

In case you hadn't noticed, the world is going nuts. I don't want to do a scare list, but you surely know what I mean. Fear is the theme of the day. Be careful out there. The full story is that there is a great deal of shaking going on. That is not going to change. **It is a great time to build our faith in the things we have which cannot be shaken**, things that are sure for us. We rejoice that we are living in a day when God's voice is shaking the heavens and the earth. We found that since the Lord is our Shepherd, goodness and mercy are following us every day. Today, we see that deliverance is near, even in desperate situations.

- 1) Surely promise #1 – Salvation is near
 - a) Salvation = *yêsha'* - liberty, deliverance, prosperity, safety.
 - b) The promise: Deliverance.
 - i) Notice the context in Ps 85: They are crying out for deliverance after having already been delivered: You delivered us once and we have screwed up again. We promise not to do it again.
 - ii) Have you been delivered and messed it up again, and again, and again? Good news – **Surely** deliverance, prosperity, and safety are near!
 - c) The promise: Protection in the battle : Psalms 18:35-36 / Micah 7:7-8
 - i) Seem like there is no one in your life you can depend on? The ground seem shaky and the light is dim? Good news – light and life and a firm hand to hold are near!
- 2) Surely Promise #2: Glory in the land.
 - a) The glory in the land comes as a result of salvation coming to the people of God.
 - b) Hebrews 12:26: now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO HEAVEN."
 - c) This is a clear reference to Haggai 2:6-9.
 - i) We are in the shaking that precedes the Desire of all Nations coming to Jerusalem.

- ii) Shaking will lead to a flood of repentance and the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem filled with glory and wealth beyond measure.
 - iii) Notice now Haggai 2:5: Don't be afraid!
 - d) Returning to Hebrews 12:28 godly fear
- 3) The prerequisite for the sureties of Psa 85:9 "to those who fear Him"
 - a) The fear of the Lord is a huge bible subject, but we are afraid to talk about it because we fear men more than God. Proverbs 29:25
 - b) The Fear of God starts in the church, then spreads to the world.
 - i) Why is the world not impressed with God? Society doesn't fear God because the Church doesn't fear God. Romans 3:18/2 Cor 7: 1/ Ephesians 5:21.
 - ii) We often preach an insipid, feel-good Gospel a big, jovial granddad God. That is not the God of the Bible
 - c) All wisdom begins with a trembling reverence for God: Ps 111:10 / Pr 9:10
 - i) Proverbs 23:17-18 NKJV Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day; (18) For surely there is a hereafter, And your hope will not be cut off.
 - d) The Book of Acts is full of reverence and its impact
 - i) Acts 5:1- 15 / Acts 19:11-20. God is real and the things of the spirit are of primary importance.
 - ii) Acts 9:31 And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.
 - iii) If we honor and reverence Him, God will work supernaturally through us to fulfill His agenda in this last hour and protect us while we do it.

THE conclusion:

So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, **our goal is to please Him.** (10) For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. **We will each receive whatever we deserve** for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. (11) Because **we understand our fearful responsibility** to the Lord, **we work hard to persuade others.** God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 NLT