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One Year Later: The Lord Still Rules

Faith Often Flourishes Most In Scarcity

Respond With Fear Or With Trust

Psalm 11:1-3 - *I trust in the Lord for protection. So why do you say to me, "Fly like a bird to the mountains for safety!"² The wicked are stringing their bows and fitting their arrows on the bowstrings. They shoot from the shadows at those whose hearts are right.³ The foundations of law and order have collapsed. What can the righteous do?"*

Sometimes God "Shakes Things" So His People Will Reassess

Hebrews 12:25-29 - *Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!²⁶ When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also."²⁷ This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.²⁸ Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.²⁹ For our God is a devouring fire.*

Lay The Foundations Again

The Local Church Needs:

- 1. Ongoing Examination To See If They're Faithful To The Lord.**
- 2. To Pray For A Continual Infilling Of The Spirit.**

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

Psalm 11:4-7 - *But the Lord is in his holy Temple; the Lord still rules from heaven. He watches everyone closely, examining every person on earth. ⁵ The Lord examines both the righteous and the wicked. He hates those who love violence. ⁶ He will rain down blazing coals and burning sulfur on the wicked, punishing them with scorching winds. ⁷ For the righteous Lord loves justice. The virtuous will see his face.*

Jeremiah 11:20 - *O Lord of Heaven's Armies, you make righteous judgments, and you examine the deepest thoughts and secrets. Let me see your vengeance against them, for I have committed my cause to you.*

By Trusting The Lord In The Hard Times, Actually Causes Them To Work For Us, And Not Against Us.

Psalm 27:8-9 - *My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."*

2 Corinthians 3:18 - *So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*

- **They Confess Trust In God's Justice And Embrace The Hope That They'll See God's Face.**
- **They Confess That God Holds The Power And Character To Stop The Wicked.**
- **They Confess God As A Relevant, Active Power In Their Present Situation.**