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## GIG28 – Do Not Be Shaken

I've been concerned because of the times that we've been through. Many people are being shaken and there's many difficulties that people are facing in this last year. And I believe there's more to come that we are going to see happening. And I'm concerned today in this podcast to give you something to strengthen you, to establish you in the Word of God where you can be founded and grounded and anchored in a way that you will not be shaken.

So first I want to look at Hebrews the twelfth chapter starting at verse 25. It says,

See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them from earth, much less will they escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVENS." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:25–29)

This is such a key Scripture to us as we head into the days of the Kingdom. It tells us very clearly that as we come to the Kingdom and the time of the Kingdom that there will be shaking. So first and foremost, when we are shaken, when we see things around us being shaken, it should not in and of itself be disturbing to us or make us feel like, "My God, what is going on?" We know what is going on. God is shaking all things. Why is He doing that? He's shaking those things that can be shaken, those things that are temporal, those things that will not remain during the days of His Kingdom will be shaken away during the time that we are entering His Kingdom.

So as we come into the Kingdom of God, shaking is to be expected. And what we will see is those things falling away from us that are not permanent, that are not part of His Kingdom, and it's something then that we should want. We should be asking the Lord, "Shake all things. Shake away from me all those things which are not going to be part of Your Kingdom because You are establishing me in Your Kingdom. And in Your Kingdom, the only thing that remains are the things which are permanent and eternal."

So we're going to talk about those things that are permanent and eternal in this podcast because I want you to see that we let go of all that's attached to us, all that we are attached to that is bondages of temporal things which can be and will be shaken away. Yet at the same time, if we attach ourselves to that which is unshakeable, then these days are going to be much simpler for us. They're going to be a blessing to us. And we're going to find that while the whole world may find itself shaken, people will find themselves shaken, we will stand. We can stand firm, and we can find ourselves being far less shaken. And we can find ourselves being in a place where because we are attached to that which is eternal that we find a comfort in these days of shaking, and we can help others through it.

First I want to look at the fact that we already, through our salvation, we ourselves are eternal. So don't worry. Don't panic over the shaking that comes. You are eternal. You are permanent. Your life is an eternal life. And that's important for us to realize because we are not going to be shaken unto death, and we're not going to be shaken out of the grace of God during these days of shaking.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." We in Christ have eternal life. That must be real to you. It must become more real to you. It must become an anchor that during the times of shaking, you look at yourself in the mirror and you say, "You are eternal. You are an eternal creation of God, and you have eternal life. And that life can never be taken away. And that life that is eternal can never be shaken."

John 5:24, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My words, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but passes out of death [out of shaking] into life."

John 10:27, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

John 17:3, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." And we in our lives are given to this. This is where we stand. We are coming into a knowledge of God. We want a greater relationship with the Father, a greater relationship with Yeshua, with the Messiah. And in that relationship is eternal life, is eternalness. And those eternal things will not be shaken. They will not be moved. They will not go away.

2 Corinthians 5:1–4, "For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life."

Our life is going to be in His eternity. Our mortal bodies are going to be swallowed up by an immortal body, and we can't even worry about the things that we're going through on a physical level. The physical we know will pass away. But this eternal tent, which is eternal in the heavens, is already there. Our eternal body is already made in the resurrection of Christ. When He was resurrected, our eternal body was created with Him, and we can put on, and we groan to put on that eternal dwelling place. So even what seems to be a shaking that can transpire because of our mortal flesh, that doesn't matter. We are in the process of having an eternal body that we are being clothed with, and this is there for us now. The eternal body that we will live in eternally exists now. And we look to put on and be clothed with that which is life, swallowed up by life. The Lord and His name is permanent. Okay? If we are eternal and we know in our salvation we have eternal life, and we are eternal beings, and we will live forever and eternally and that will never be taken away or shaken, then the next thing we must realize is that God Himself, the name of God is something which is permanent and forever, everlasting, and it will never be shaken.

Psalms 102:12, "But You, O LORD, abide forever, and Your name to all generations."

Psalms 9:7–10. "But the LORD abides forever; He establishes His throne for judgment, and He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity. The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble; and those who know Your name will put

their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.” God is eternal. His name is eternal. And He exists eternally as a stronghold for the oppressed, as a stronghold for us in times of trouble. So what do we do in times of shaking? We grab hold of Him. Don't be holding on to things that will not remain. Don't be holding on to things that will be shaken away because many things are not eternal. Many things that you're probably bonded to in this moment are not permanent. But He is permanent. He is forever, and He is a stronghold and a dwelling place for us, not only in times of trouble, but eternally.

Lamentations 5:19, “You, O LORD, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation.” He is the eternal God that is not passing away. He will rule. He will reign forever and ever. Amen.

Deuteronomy 33:27, “The eternal God is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and He drove out the enemy from before you, and said ‘Destroy!’” He is the eternal God, and He is an eternal dwelling place. Under us always are these everlasting arms. We have come to Him. We have come into His salvation and His permanence, His eternalness, and we can dwell in Him. He is our dwelling place.

Psalms 90:1–2, “Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.” God is eternal. Lay hold of Him. Grab hold of Him. In times of shaking, look to Him. Come to Him. Abide in Him. He will be permanent. And during whatever shaking is taking place, I guarantee you, God is not shaking. If we dwell in Him, we will not be shaken. God also does not change.

Malachi 3:6, “For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”

James 1:16–18, “Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good thing given and every perfect gift from above comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is neither variation nor shifting shadow.” There's not even a shifting shadow in God, much less the shaking of the things that are around. God's Word also is permanent. You are eternal. You are permanent. God is permanent. He is from everlasting to everlasting, and His Word is permanent and will never pass away.

Luke 21:33, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”

Luke 16:17, “But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.”

Psalms 119:89–90, “Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.” His Word is already settled. It is settled now. It is settled for forever. “Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You establish the earth, and it stands.”

1 Peter 1:25, “BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER. And this is the word which was preached to you.” The gospel of the Kingdom of God, the “good news” that was brought to us through Messiah Yeshua, that Word is permanent. It is enduring forever. That is the Word that was preached to us that brought to us our salvation.

Isaiah 40:8, “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” When we hold on to His Word, we are holding on to that which is unshakeable, that which is eternal, that which stands for forever. You say, “What do I do? These times are difficult. These times seem to be shaking everything I've known, everything I've ever held on to and been anchored with.” Then grab hold. Let go of those things and grab hold of the Word of God. The Word of God, dig into the Word of God. Find in the Word of God those things which are absolute and permanent. We also know that besides God and

His Word being permanent, Messiah is eternal and forever; the throne of Messiah built upon the throne of David. God's Kingdom is an eternal Kingdom. It does not pass away.

Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Yes, Yeshua is forever. He is everlasting and forever. He will never go away. He never passes away. If all things pass away, He is there. He is permanent.

1 Chronicles 17:12–15, "He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it away from him who was before you. But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.' According to all these words and according to this vision, so Nathan spoke to David." So we see in the prophecies about Messiah to come. God the Father, the Eternal, the Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth says, "He is My Son. Messiah is My Son, and I will not take My lovingkindness away from Him forever and ever. And I will settle Him in My house. And in My Kingdom, I will settle Him. He will sit on My throne forever." These are permanent things. What do we do? We come into the Kingdom of Messiah. We hold to our Messiah, to the Lord. We serve Him and give our heart to Him.

In Daniel 2:44, it says, "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put to an end all the kingdoms, but itself will endure forever." These shakings, we're seeing this as a process of the Kingdom. All other kingdoms will be crushed. All other kingdoms will come to an end because God through Messiah is establishing His Kingdom, and we, as His people, are with Him and part of that Kingdom being established. Remember the Scripture says, "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). What is He giving you? He's giving you that eternal dwelling place with His Son that cannot be moved and cannot be removed. And it will last forever. And we will dwell in that Kingdom forever and ever.

Luke 1:31–33 says, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus [or in Hebrew, Yehoshua or Yeshua]. You will name Him Jesus. And He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." These are the prophecies over our Lord. This is what we're attached to when we come into Christ and Christ comes into our lives. We are made part of that Kingdom, that everlasting Kingdom that will never pass away. And the Messiah is not only permanent as the King, He's also permanent in His priesthood.

Hebrews 5:5 says, "So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, 'YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEEN GOTTEN YOU'; just as He says also in another passage, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.'" We have a permanent King. We have a permanent Priest. We have a permanent Kingdom that cannot be shaken. I'm giving you things. I know I'm reading many Scriptures, but you must have the Word of God in your heart if you are not going to be shaken during these days of the bringing forth of this unshakeable Kingdom. God will also be a God of Israel. His covenant will last forever. The things that God has said in His covenants will not pass away. His Word to His people Israel that He brought through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, these things are permanent Words, permanent covenants about the possessing of the land. They will not pass away.

In Genesis 17:7–8, God said to Abraham, "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and

to your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, and all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." What an awesome thing. Not do we just have a God who is permanent and eternal, we have a covenant that He has made with Abraham saying, "I will be your everlasting God." And so the fact that we as Gentile believers through Messiah Yeshua are grafted into the covenants of Abraham, we're made part of this permanent promise that God will be our God.

Exodus 32:13–14, "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for forever.' So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He had said He would do to His people." See, Moses here is interceding to God. And what is he doing? He's bringing this covenant. When God was mad at the people, he said, "Wait a minute. You've made a covenant to eternally be their God and to give them this land as an eternal possession." So these things come to us by eternal covenants that God has made. And this is something again which cannot be shaken. We must look to the covenants that He has given, that He has grafted us into, and say, "These things are unshakeable covenants which will never change."

Ezekiel 37:24–28 says, "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and set My sanctuary in their midst forever. My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. And the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctified Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever." These permanent things God will dwell with us in this earth forever, and we will dwell with Him in His sanctuary. His presence will be in our midst forever. And this is something that we realize is our reality. God has given this land to Abraham and His descendants forever, and we are those who are grafted into this covenant.

In Genesis 13:14–15, "The LORD said to Abraham, after Lot had separated from him, 'Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; and all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.'" Let there be no question about what will happen with God, with His Kingdom, with Israel, with the land of Israel, with what He's promised. All of these things are permanent, and we in Christ are permanently grafted into all of these promises. These become our Words. They become our covenants. They become our promises as we're grafted into God and Messiah and His people. What a wonderful thing.

Let's look at other areas. We've looked generally speaking at His Kingdom, but there are certain things that we can point to that we know are permanent and will remain. And so as we put on these qualities, as we cleave to these qualities, we will find in ourselves an anchor that allows us to stand without being shaken.

In 1 Corinthians 13:8, it says, "Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away." See, even some of the things that we hold on to in what we've known as church and known as our way of worshipping the Lord, some of those things will be done away, but others are permanent. And we need to find those aspects of our life in our worship, in church. We need to find those things that are permanent and let go of those things which will never be permanent. But love, we know, will never fail. Gifts of prophecy may pass away. "If there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge

[he's talking about the gifts of the Spirit, the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge], it will be done away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with the childish things. For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known. But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these things is love."

These verses are very important in my mind. Because during these times of shaking, during this transition into the Kingdom of God, we'll find things that we've known as church. We'll find things that we've had as ways of worship that God will shake. Don't be concerned when church is shaken. God's doing the same thing in church as He is in the world. He's shaking out all those things which can be shaken. And there are things within our church and our churches that need to be shaken out. Let God shake it out, but don't let that disturb you. Don't feel like, "Oh, my faith is being taken away." No. Those are not the things that He has brought to us. He's given us faith, love, and hope. He's given us things that cannot be shaken. Those things, those parts of our relationship with the Lord, those parts of our relationship with one another, we must know are permanent. And there will be things that are shaken. There'll be doctrines that are shaken out. There'll be things that don't stand. It's okay. Let it happen. But let those things which are permanent come to the forefront and be established. And let those be the things that you hang on to with all of your heart.

In Psalm 131:3, he says, "Oh, Israel, hope in the Lord, for this time forth and forever." See, our hope in the Lord is forever. You say, "I don't know what to do," hope in the Lord. Grab ahold of Him with your hope. Now abide faith, hope, and love. Hold on to Him. Attach yourself to Him by hope. Attach yourself in your love. That's what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to love the Lord with all of our heart, all of our mind, all of our strength. See, that love will attach us to these things that are permanent and enduring. We are to hold on to our awe and our fear of the Lord.

Psalm 19:9 says, "The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever." Think about that. "The fear of the LORD is clean." The awe that we have of God is a wonderful thing, and we should be in awe of God and what He's doing. We shouldn't be fearful and concerned about those things that are being shaken away. It says, "The judgments of the LORD are true; and they are righteous altogether." The Lord knows how to judge between those things that we're holding on to which are permanent, and which are not permanent. So we should trust His judgments. We should be in awe of what He's doing and realize that He is bringing about these things for our good and leaving that which is permanent. His lovingkindness is another one. In Hebrew, it's *hesed*. His *hesed* endures forever.

Read Psalm 136 all the way through. I'll just read a few verses of it, one through four. "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. Give thanks to the God of gods, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. To Him who alone does great wonders, for His lovingkindness is everlasting." And this psalm goes on to talk about the fact, the reality that His lovingkindness is everlasting. If at some point you feel like, "Man, I'm shaken to the point—I'm having a hard time believing that God still loves me and God's holding on to me," read Psalm 136. It will be alive to you all the things that God is. But one thing about all that He is and all that He does, His lovingkindness, His *hesed* towards you is everlasting. It cannot, it will not be shaken. It will not be removed. His righteousness is another aspect of God Himself that is eternal.

Psalm 111:3 says, "Splendid and majestic is His work, and His righteousness endures forever." That's why He bids us to become righteous. He wants us to be like Himself. He wants us to put on His

righteousness. Why? Because His righteousness is eternal. It is forever. And if we put on His righteousness, if we become righteous as He is righteous, we will not be shaken because His righteousness will never be shaken. The glory that we give to God is forever. We need to see this. The glory in our praise, in our worship to God is something that is permanent. As we worship, be a worshipper. Worship Him with all of your heart because that worship will never be shaken. It will never go away.

Philippians 4:20 says, "Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen." Glorify the Lord. Glorify Him with all of your heart.

Psalms 111:10 says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever." And who praises Him? We do. We're the ones that are the focus of where His praise comes from. So when we praise Him, we are actually expressing something that is eternal. When we express praise, when we express glory, when we express worship, we are literally having the eternal come out of our mouth and out of our hearts towards the Lord.

John 4:23 says, "But an hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for such people the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth."

This is something we must grasp is that our worship during these days is all important. Now I want you to stay with me because I know this may seem like reading a lot of Scriptures, but you must have these. I'm so concerned because I've watched so many people be shaken. You've got to see how much there is in the Word of God that is unshakeable so that you can grasp these things. And honestly, what I'm giving you as much as it may seem here, it's just a beginning. You will find so many things yourself as you search through the Word of God. You'll find those things that cannot be removed and cannot be shaken. The counsel and the plan of God, and this is important, His plan for you cannot be shaken. It will not go away. What He's planned for you and your life and your eternity, it cannot be shaken.

Jeremiah 29:11 said, "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity.'" He's not shaking you because your life is going to end in calamity. He's not giving you calamity. He's giving you a future and a hope. "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I'll listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all of your heart."

God has a plan for you. God knows His plan for you. It's a plan of blessing and welfare. It's a plan to bring you into His Kingdom. He's already given you the salvation that comes through the Messiah. That's the beginning of the plan. And in Him is hid the entirety of that plan, which is an eternal plan, and it is not something for calamity. It's a future of hope. It is an eternity of blessing. And He's called you to come into that. So what do we do during these times? We come. We pray to Him, and He's going to listen. We seek Him with all of our heart because in His heart is in that plan. And when we do seek Him, we will find Him.

Psalms 33:8–11 says, "Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. But the counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation." This is the way we realize His plans are. He may be shaking and frustrating the plans of the nations and the plans of the peoples, but His plan for you stands forever, and it is in His heart from generation to generation. So I encourage you, let's stand firm.

I want to look at one more Scripture in Ephesians 6:13–18, and I encourage you to read this over to really make it part of your life and your intercession. “Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you'll be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm.” This is a direction to us. We will be in days of shaking. These are evil days in many ways, and that's what God is doing away with. He's doing away with everything of mankind that is standing against Him and His Kingdom. And what does He do for us? He tells us to stand. And having done everything to stand, “Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you are able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.” This is our lifestyle. We will stand, and we will stand firm as those who cannot be shaken.

I want to just reiterate a few points here from this message as we close. I want us to remember that we receive a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. In other words, it is an eternal Kingdom, and we ourselves, number two, are eternal beings. We have eternal life through faith in Christ. Number three, we move into the Kingdom and eternal life as we attach to those things which are eternal. And we allow to be shaken from us, the attachments that we have of that which is not permanent and not eternal.

Lastly, I would say we need to identify in the Word of God those things that are eternal and build our lives upon them. We need to be building our life. Christ said, “Build the house on the rock.” This is the rock. The rock are those things which are eternal, which cannot be shaken, and which stand forever. So we need to build our life upon those things. In this way, we will not be shaken. I encourage you, study the Word of God, looking for all of those things which cannot be shaken. And if we find them and if we attach to them, then in these great days of shaking, we will be those that stand. And as we are able to stand, we are able to help others stand, as we feed to them the mighty Word of God.

Amen.