

What To Do When Your World Is Shaken Up!

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Daniel 1:1-6

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Isaiah 5:20, *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. ²¹Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and ⁷clever in their own sight. ²²Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks, ²³who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent... ²⁵Therefore the Lord's anger burns against His people; His hand is raised and He strikes them down.... ²⁶He lifts up a banner for the distant nations, He whistles for those at the ends of the earth. Here they come, swiftly and speedily!*

Psalms 82:5, *They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.*

Daniel 1:1, *In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god. ³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility...⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.*

What To Do When Your World Is Shaken Up:

➤ **Don't Be Surprised By ADVERSITY**

1 Peter 4:12, *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

John 16:33, *"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Four Sources That Shake Up Our Lives:

The **WORLD, SATAN, SIN, GOD**

Why Does God Shake Up Our Lives:

➤ **God Shakes Us Up To INSPECT US**

Jeremiah 17:10, *"I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."*

Deuteronomy 8:2, *...God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands.*

Ask God: What Does This Problem Reveal About Me?

➤ **God Shakes Us Up To CORRECT US**

Hebrews 12:10, *They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in His holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

Job 5:17, *“Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.”*

Ask God: What Can This Problem Correct In Me?

➤ **God Shakes Us Up To DIRECT US**

Proverbs 16:9, *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.*

Proverbs 20:30, *Blows and wounds scrub away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being.*

Psalms 119:59, *I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to Your statutes.*

Ask God: How Can This Problem Direct Me?

➤ **God Shakes Us Up To PERFECT US**

1 Peter 5:10, *And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

Romans 5:3, *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

Ask God: How Can This Problem Improve Me?

➤ **God Shakes Us Up So We Will TRUST HIM**

Genesis 50:20, *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

Proverbs 3:5, *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

Jeremiah 29:11, *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*