

# THE SHAKING & SIFTING STUDY

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## 1. WHAT IS GOD DOING TO HIS CHURCH?

God is \_\_\_\_\_ His people. He **will** have a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ church. {1T 99.3}

| Song of Solomon 6:10

**All** that prophecy has **foretold** as coming to pass, until the **present time**, has been **traced** on the **pages** of **history**, and we may be **assured** that **all** which is yet to come **will be** fulfilled **in its order**. {PK 536.3}

## 2. WHAT IS THE REALITY OF WHAT'S AHEAD FOR THE CHURCH?

I was shown the **people** of God, and saw them \_\_\_\_\_. {1T 180.1}

## 3. WHAT ARE THE THREE PHASES OF THE SHAKING?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. WHAT IS THE SHAKING?

Shaking = \_\_\_\_\_

Isa 17:5-6 | Rom 9:27

Soon God's people **will** be tested by fiery trials, and the **great proportion** of those who now **appear** to be genuine and true will prove to be **base metal**. To **stand** in defense of truth and righteousness when the **majority forsake us**, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few **this will be our test**. {5T 136}

## 5. WHO REMAINS DURING THE SHAKING?

As **trials thicken** around us, both **separation** and **unity** will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make it manifest that they have not built upon the **solid rock**; they will yield to temptation. Those who have had great light and precious privileges, but have not improved them, **will, under one pretext or another**, \_\_\_\_\_ {6T 400}

Hebrew 12:27 | Isaiah 4:3 | Exodus 26:12 | Jer 39:9

There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. **God** is at the head of the work, and **He** will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work, God will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. **Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port**. – {2SM 390.2}

When I voyaged from Portland, Maine, to Boston, many years ago, a storm came upon us, and the great waves dashed us to and fro. The chandeliers fell, and the trunks were rolled from side to side, like balls. The passengers were frightened, and many were screaming, waiting in expectation of death. {2SM 390.3}

After awhile the pilot came on board. The captain stood near the pilot as he took the wheel, and expressed fear about the course in which the ship was directed. **"Will you take the wheel?"** asked the pilot. The captain was not ready to do that, for he knew that he lacked experience. {2SM 390.4}

Then some of the passengers grew uneasy, and said they feared the pilot would dash them upon the rocks. **"Will you take the wheel?"** asked the pilot; but they knew that they could not manage the wheel. {2SM 390.5}

When you think that the work is in danger, pray, "Lord, stand at the wheel. Carry us through the perplexity. Bring us safely into port." **Have we not reason to believe that the Lord will bring us through triumphantly?** {2SM 391.1}

There are before me many who are old hands in the cause. I have known some of you for the last thirty years. Brethren, have we not seen crisis after crisis come upon the work, and has not the Lord carried us through, and wrought for the glory of His name? ...

| Mark 4:35-41

**No advice or sanction is given in the Word of God** to those who believe the **third angel's message** to lead them to suppose that they can **draw apart. This you may settle with yourselves forever. ... There must be no separating in this great testing time...**{3SM 21}

"Let not the professed people of God think it a privilege to **separate** from **conference organization**, that they may show their supposed efficiency. **THIS IS ENTIRELY OPPOSED TO GOD'S ORDER.** There is need of perfect unity and love, and this will appear when we learn of Jesus." Ellen G. White, 16LtMs, Ms 97, 1901, par. 31

## 6. WHAT IS THE SIFTING?

Sifting = \_\_\_\_\_

| Amos 9:9

Satan will work his miracles to deceive; he will set up his power as supreme. The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall. It **remains**, while the sinners in Zion will be **sifted out—the chaff separated from the precious wheat**. This is a terrible ordeal, but nevertheless it must take place. – {2SM 380.2}

**When the sifting is over where are the sinners?**

**When the sifting is over where are the Righteous?**

## 7. WHAT CAUSES THE SIFTING?

God will have a people pure and true. In the **mighty sifting** soon to take place we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel. The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that His \_\_\_\_\_ is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor. {5T 79.4}

## WIND WINNOWER:

**Wind winnowing** is an agricultural method developed by ancient cultures for separating grain from chaff...In its simplest form it involves throwing the mixture into the air so that the **wind** blows away the lighter chaff, while the heavier grains fall back down for recovery.

## PERSECUTION

The time is not far distant when the test **will** come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. **Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be**, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death. The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. **In this time** the gold will be **separated** from the dross **in the church**. ...True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then **go out in darkness**. **Chaff** like a cloud will be borne away on the **wind**, even from places where we see only **floors of rich wheat**. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness. – {5T 81.1}

## 8. WHAT ELSE CAUSES THE SIFTING?

God will arouse His people; if other means fail, \_\_\_\_\_ will come in among them, which will \_\_\_\_\_ **them, separating the chaff from the wheat.** {5T 707.3}

| Eph 4:14

## 9. WHAT ARE THE TWO WINDS THAT CAUSES THE SIFTING?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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}

**Who is the true witness?** | Jeremiah 42:5

I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified. – {EW 270.3}

## LAODICEA

The message to the Laodicean church is highly applicable to us a people. {MS 33, 1894}

| {Rev 3:14-20}

**What is Laodicea greatest danger?**

Sins exist in the church that God hates, but they are scarcely touched for fear of making enemies. Opposition has risen in the church to the plain testimony. Some will not bear it. They wish smooth things spoken unto them. And if the wrongs of individuals are touched, they complain of severity, and sympathize with those in the wrong. As Ahab inquired of Elijah, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" they are ready to look with suspicion and doubt upon those who bear the plain testimony, and like Ahab overlook the wrong which made it necessary for reproof and rebuke. When the church depart from God they despise the plain testimony, and complain of severity and harshness. It is a sad evidence of the lukewarm state of the church. 2SG 283.3

#### WHAT ARE THE THREE QUALIFICATIONS FOR GIVING THE STRAIGHT TESTIMONY?

1. Receive the counsel
2. Exalt the standard
3. Pour forth the straight truth

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| Ezra 7:10

#### THE SOLUTION TO THE SHAKING:

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. – {EW 269.1}

| Luke 22:31-32

#### 11. WHAT THREE EXPERIENCES WE MUST HAVE IN THE CONFLICT BEFORE US?

**In the great conflict before us**, he who would **keep true to Christ** must penetrate deeper than the opinions and doctrines of men...Guard jealously your hours for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Set aside a portion of each day for a study of the Scriptures and communion with God. **Thus** you will obtain **spiritual strength**, and will grow in favor with God. {GW 100.1}

#### 12. WHAT IS SATAN'S PLAN TO OVERCOME US?

##### SATAN'S PLAN

Satan well knows that **all** whom he can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ **prayer** and the **searching of the Scriptures**, will be **overcome** by his attacks. Therefore he **invents every possible device to engross the mind**. {GC 519.2}