



DAY 32

Scriptural Background: Hag 2

"6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. 7 And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts." Hag 2:7–8

The minor prophets (Hosea through Malachi) may be the most overlooked portion of the Bible in the modern West, yet they speak quite directly to many of our contemporary issues. In the time of Haggai, the people of Judah were returning from exile in Babylon back to the land of Israel (1:1). But in that period of opportunity, their focus on their own houses far eclipsed their concern for the house of the LORD (1:2–4). Whatever might be gained from such selfish living, divorced from proper worship of God, will always eventually be as dust that is blown away (1:5–11). We, of course, struggle with the same temptation. In such a context, when God sends a shaking, it is a grace to remove from us what cannot last, in order that what cannot be lost may remain (Heb 12:26–27). At the cross, in the finished work of the true Yeshua our high priest (1:12), the entire cosmos was shaken at the unveiling of the unshakeable glory of God in Christ (Mt 27:51–53). Why? It was the removing of our sin, so that true worship of God might remain in its place. There Jesus was filling the house with greater glory than that of the earlier temple, for there He was giving us peace (2:9, Rom, 5:1, Eph 2:14). He is the Desired of all Nations, and to Him all nations will bring their treasures (Mt 2:11, Rev 21:26). Let us do so in our own hearts today.

Prayer:

LORD Jesus, thank You that You were shaken that I might endure. Today I ask that You would help me see anew any ways that I live not for Your glory. This Lent help me remember that such things apart from You are but dust. Flood me with a sense of Your peace and glory, that I might treasure Your house than anything else. Amen.