

“A GREAT SHAKING”

Acts 4:23-31

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INTRODUCTION

Israel is a land susceptible to earthquakes—especially in and near the Rift Valley. An earthquake can be an “unsettling experience!”

In this text we read about how the early Christians were “all shook up”—by the Lord.

HOW WE NEED TO BE SHAKEN UP BY HIM!

In this text we see how the disciples “took it to the Lord” in prayer, and then they “took it to the world” in power.

I. TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER (23-30)

A. Report to the Brethren: Man as _____ (23)

B. Report to the Lord: God as _____ (24)

IN THE PAST

1. He Who Made all things (24b)
2. He Who had foretold the _____ (25-26)
3. He who has _____ His predictions (27).
 - Kings-- _____
 - Rulers-- _____
 - Gentiles-- _____
 - Peoples-- _____
4. He who has accomplished His purpose and power (28)

IN THE PRESENT

1. Present Danger (29a)
2. Public _____ (29b)
3. Power of Healing and _____ (30)

II. TAKE IT TO THE WORLD IN POWER (31)

- A. God's Sovereign _____
 - 1. Earthquake—Outward
 - 2. Spirit-Filling-- _____
- B. Man's Confident _____ (31b)

CONCLUSION

How we need a shaking! (Inwardly)

- Be saved, baptized, join the church
- Be Spirit-filled and serve the Lord

How we need to shake the world for Christ