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February 25 "OPen Windows" by T. Austin Sparks

Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. (Hebrews 12:26 ESV)

Everything is going to be shaken in earth and in heaven, with a view to finding out just how much there is of Christ living in it. These Jewish believers were going to see the temple and the whole temple system wrecked, and then they would d iscover just how much they had got of Christ, or how much of their life was bound up with earthly things. They would see what was left when that was all gone. God is not only going to shake Judaism, but this heavenly thing. He will shake hea ven and earth, and we shall find out by that shaking what we have left when the earthly system passes, when even the r epresentation of heavenly things in Christianity is tested (for Christianity has developed a representation of heavenly thin gs, just as Judaism has). Men have made an earthly representation of the New Testament revelation of the church, and ministry, and priesthood. It is all going to be tested. For many it is now in the melting pot. The issue is the shaking of hea ven and earth. What have we got left? The issue is Christ.

Whether you like all that we have said, or agree with it or not, does not worry me; but I am concerned that we have com e to Christ, to show that Christ in heaven is our Life, Christ in heaven is our All, and appointed to be so by God, and noth ing here can take the place of Christ. God will bring everything to an end that takes the place of Christ. He has determin ed from eternity that in all things Christ should have the preeminence, and have the fullness, and that nothing shall glory before Him or take His place. The Lord bring us into a larger measure of Christ, and a larger measure of Christ into us.

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