



**Sermon Title:** 'True Worship, the Life Stabiliser'  
**Sermon Text:** Matt 24:3-22; Heb 12:25-29  
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## 1. Introduction: Clutching at Straws

The current global financial crisis is, to say the least, destabilising. Clutching at straws is the worst response. As always, there is one, and only one, worthwhile human response – the true worship of the true God.

### My Notes

## 2. The Bible on the Global Shakings:

2.1 Jesus' warnings about global shakings in the days prior to His Second Coming. These shakings will include and also take place in the midst of:

- Spiritual deception (Matt 24:4-5)
- Wars and other conflicts (Matt 24:6-7a)
- Famines and Earthquakes (Matt 24:7b)
- Persecution of Christians (Matt 24:9)
- Apostasy, Lawlessness and Loss of Love in the Church (Matt 24:10-13)
- Worldwide Proclamation of the Gospel (Matt 24:14)
- The Great Tribulation (Matt 24:15-21)

2.2 Jesus' words of comfort for people caught in the midst of the global shakings - God's mercy: 'for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short' (Matt 24:22) – there is the eternity that is ahead of us!

2.3 The only stabiliser in an unstable world – 'let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe ...' (Heb 12:28-29)

## 3. Conclusion / Application:

The global financial crisis is but only one of the many shakings that are staring at us in the face. We need to respond by looking up to the Man lifted up (John 3:13-15) who alone can shape us into true worshippers of God.