Shadow Puppetry

I saw a silhouetted figures that reminded me of those simple paper theatres children play with:

A pantomime, shadow puppetry; back lit by light but not of Me. Silhouettes dancing in the dark, without substance, for without Me it is all smoke and mirrors, performance and puppetry.

Facades will fall flat as the shaking continues, and substance will be revealed as either precious stones or wood, hay and stubble.

Purification has to come for Holy AM I and so must she* be. The heat will rise, the wind too, causing impurities and dross to bubble up so they can be removed.

Purification: becoming believers of substance built upon the rock, not shaken by the wind or melted by the heat, determined to run the race, to finish the course, to gather the harvest, to hear 'well done, good and faithful servant'.

* the church

"If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.

It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.

If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

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If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight.

As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

<u>1 Corinthians 3:12-20</u> (NIV)