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"A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken" Hebrews 12:18-29

Call to the Word Hebrews 12:26-29



When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.

Hebrews 12:26-27 (NLT)



Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29 (NLT)

We are in a spiritual marathon of faithfulness that is rugged, long, painful, and exhausting, marked by trials and challenges that strengthen us and grow us throughout the journey.

vv.1-13:



Our Trainer and Coach is more than just a Friend; He's our heavenly Father

vv.5-11



Just as in physical races, there are rules and warnings for participants in the spiritual race vv.14-16



These rules prevent us from ending up like Esau, overcome by worldliness and unable to repent vv.17



introduction

The author leads us down a path that passes by two mountains—Mount Sinai and Mount Zion.

One obsolete – one eternal

vv.18-29



I the obsolete

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Hebrews 12:18-21 Exodus 19:23-25

Trembled: terrified, involuntary bodily movement

Greatly: shook violently

"...obedience is more important than their feelings; disobedience has dire consequences." (Swindoll)



Hebrews 12:18-21

Exodus 19:23-25

These signs of power and glory signaled the presence of God in a terrifying sense. They begged Him to stop. The writer is saying, "you didn't come that way to God..."



the absolute

Hebrews 12:22-24

Mt. Zion represents the personal, loving presence of the living God... the heavenly Jerusalem... standing face-to-face with 'God, the judge of all' confident because of Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant.



final warning

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Hebrews 12:25-29

See to it that you do not refuse [to listen to] Him who is speaking [to you now]. For if those [sons of Israel] did not escape when they refused [to listen to] him who warned them on earth [revealing God's will], how much less will we escape if we turn our backs on Him who warns from heaven? (AMP)



Hebrews 2:1-4

Pay Attention Lest You Drift!

Under the law you get what's coming to you.



Hebrews 3:7-8,12

Beware the Hardened Heart!

"God wants you to come into that fullness of the life in the Spirit and know the victory of the Spirit of God within your life, entering into that rich fullness of the Lord." (Smith)

Hebrews 5:11-6:20

Don't Stray, Stay & Grow!

Heb 6:6 "It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God..."

Hebrews 10:26-27

Stand Firm or Be Judged

"If you rest on the finished work of Jesus you have already the best evidence of your salvation in the world; you have God's word for it; what more is needed?" (Spurgeon)

Hebrews 12:25-29

Last Call / Final Warning

Rev 6:12-17; Isa 24:19-21; 2Pe 3:10-13



"What manner of persons ought we to be?" Peter asked. We should be spiritual. We should put our value in spiritual things. We should be walking after the Spirit. We should be living after the Spirit, and that is essentially what the Bible encourages us all the way through, telling us that the life of the Spirit is superior to the life of the flesh." (Smith)



reflection

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Reflection

When everything is shaken where will you be standing? Will you be safe and secure? Will your faith and life be in Christ? Will He be your masterpassion?



Reflection

Fire is interesting. It can work two ways; it can transmit something into permanency while consuming others. It all depends on the material that it is working with.



