

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 12:25-29, we are given 3 commands in response to the reality of God who speaks.

- I. Do not refuse Him who is speaking (v. 25a).
  - A. If those in the wilderness who refused him who warned them on earth did not escape his judgment (v. 25b) . . .
  - B. Then how much less will we escape Him who warns us from heaven (v. 25c)?
    1. In the wilderness, His voice shook the earth (v. 26a).
    2. In the final shaking, His voice will shake both the heavens and earth (v. 26b).
      - a. To remove what is shakable: the temporal (v. 27a).
      - b. To keep what is unshakable: the eternal (v. 27b).
- II. Since we have an unshakable kingdom (v. 28a) from a jealous God (v. 29), let us:
  - A. Be grateful (v. 28a).
  - B. Be worshippers who offer worship that is:
    1. Acceptable (v. 28b).
    2. With reverence (v. 28c).
    3. With awe (v. 28d).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 13, 2021

Passage: Hebrews 12:25-29

Memory Passage: Hebrews 12:28-29

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 12:25-29.** What connection do you see between these verses and the previous section (vs. 18-24)?
- (b) What is the structure of vs. 25-29?
- (c) What indicatives (statements of fact) and imperatives (commands) do you find in vs. 25-29?
- (d) What do you learn about God in vs. 25-29?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 12:25-29.** To what time does “At that time” (v. 26) refer?
- (b) In what way did God speak “at that time” (cf. Ex. 19:16-20:21)?
- (c) What did you learn last week about the people refusing to hear God (cf. 12:19-20)?
- (d) In what way did “they . . . not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth” (v. 25)?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 12:25-29.** Verse 25 assumes God is speaking (note: “is speaking”). In what way is God speaking (cf. 1:1-2)?
- (b) Since God is speaking today “through his Son” (1:2), what, according to the writer of Hebrews, is God saying?
- (c) In what way might our author’s original audience “refuse him who is speaking” (v. 25)? In what ways might you “refuse him who is speaking?” (take some time here to consider our author’s arguments from Hebrews and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you all the ways you are, or are on the verge of, refusing to listen to God’s voice. Spend some time in prayer asking for this grace).
- (d) Now write down at least 4 ways you will endeavor to fully listen to God as He speaks to you through His word.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 12:25-29 & Hag. 2:1-9.** In what ways did those in the wilderness who refused to listen to God “not escape?”
- (b) In what ways is God “warning from heaven,” and in what ways will we “not escape” if we “reject him who warns?”
- (c) Verse 26b quotes Haggai 2:6. How was the near-future fulfillment of this prophecy? Since the author of Hebrews tells us Haggai 2:6 also has a far-fulfillment (cf. 12:26-27), to what does this future fulfillment refer?
- (d) What things “cannot be shaken,” and why will they “remain” (v. 27)?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 12:25-29.** How does the “Therefore” which begins v. 28 clarify the connection between God’s future judgment and your present Christian walk?
- (b) What does v. 29 convey about God’s character (cf. Deut. 4:24, the source of this OT quote), and why is it both appropriate and effective as the reason we should worship God in both reverence and awe?
- (c) **Read 1 Chron. 16:29, Ps. 95:6-7, 96:6-9, Jn. 4:19-24, Rom. 12:1, Rev. 14:7, & 19:3-4.** Define “acceptable worship,” including definitions of “reverence” and “awe” and why they are both appropriate and required for our worship.
- (d) In what ways will you adjust your worship, both private and corporate, to more fully obey the 2 commands in v. 29?

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