

A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN

HEBREWS 12:18-29

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

2 Mountains Representing 2 Covenants (v.18-24)

Mount Sinai = A Holy God separated from people because of their sin.

Mount Zion = God makes a way for His people to come to Him through the life, death & resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Old Covenant (Mount Sinai)

- *the mountain cannot be touched*
- *burning with fire*
- *darkness*
- *gloom*
- *storm*
- *a trumpet blast*
- *a voice speaking*

New Covenant (Mount Zion)

- *the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God*
- *thousands upon thousands of angels worshipping*
- *the Church of Jesus Christ, whose names are written in heaven*
- *God, the judge of all people*
- *the spirits of the righteous made perfect*
- *Jesus, the mediator of a better covenant*
- *the sprinkled blood of Christ that speaks a better word*

- Mount Sinai leaves us in _____ and _____ of a Holy God who is separated from us because of our _____.
- Mount Zion brings us to _____ to God, having been brought _____ to Him by the blood of Christ.

Since This Is True:

- Do not _____ or reject the Gospel of Jesus. (v.25)

If you reject the forgiveness offered to you by God through Jesus, there remains only judgment and wrath because of your sin.

- Be _____ to God for a great salvation that cannot be shaken! (v.28)
- _____ God with all of your life! (v.28-29)

We worship in reverence and awe because God is great AND God is good!

He is a powerful, righteous, holy God that is totally separate from sin AND He has made a way for sinners to come to Him and be adopted into His family as citizens of His heavenly kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ!

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- Mount Sinai leaves us in fear and trembling of a Holy God who is separated from us because of our sin.
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- **Worship God with all of your life! (v.28-29)**

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