

# A Kingdom that Cannot Be Shaken

Hebrews 12:18-29

## I. **MT. SINAI** (18-21; Ex 19:16-19; 20:18-21)—The Old Covenant: God's Terrifying Holiness

- A. **Earthly Senses** ()—something [a mountain] that can be touched
- B. **Terrifying Conditions** ()—fire, darkness, gloom and storm; *inhospitable*
- C. **Condemning Law**—God's deadly holiness
  - 1. **Trumpet Blast and/or Loud Voice** (Ex 19:18-19)
  - 2. **Unbearable Commands** (Gal 2:16)
- D. **Moses the Mediator** (Deut 5:23-27 & 9:19)—kept the people away

## II. **MT. ZION** (22-25)—The New Covenant: God's Gracious Fellowship

- A. **Heavenly Jerusalem** (Heb 11:10, 16)—spiritual home of God's people
  - 1. **Not of This World**—perceived by faith.
  - 2. **The City Built by God**—The City that Abraham was looking for
- B. **Joyful Assembly** ()—festal celebration; fellowship
  - 1. **Innumerable Angels** (Lk 15:7, 10)
  - 2. **Fellow Believers** (Lk 10:20; Phil 4:3)—living on earth now,
  - 3. **Sovereign God** ()—the *same holy God* who was at Mt. Sinai
  - 4. **Glorified Saints** (Heb 11)—OT and NT believers who have already completed their race,
- C. **Saving Grace**—redeemed from the penalty of the law by the blood of Jesus
- D. **Jesus the Mediator** (24-25)—better mediator, better sacrifice, better covenant

**III. THE GREAT SHAKING (26-27; Hag 2:6-9, 21; )**

**A. God is the One doing the shaking.** He is in control.

**B. He is shaking the heavens and earth to bring about good.** (Rom 8:28; Act 16:26)

1. **To Remove** what can be shaken (Heb 8:5 & 9:8-10)

2. **To Establish** what is eternal

a. **To reveal** what is solid/not solid

b. **To purify** the church

c. **To evangelize** the nations

3. **To bring in the Messianic Kingdom** (Dan 2:44; Rev 11:15; 2 Pet 3:10-13)—  
New Heavens and New Earth

**C. We can have Peace while the earth is shaking.**

1. **God is our Refuge.** (Ps 16:8-9 & 62:2; Lk 6:47-48)

2. **Jesus is Returning.** (Mat 24; Lk 21:25-28)—Look up!

**IV. THE PROPER RESPONSE (25, 28-29)**

**A. Do Not Refuse Him** (25)—you must respond, your only hope

**B. Be Thankful** (28a)—

**C. Offer Acceptable Worship** (28b-29)

1. **With Reverence and Awe** (Lk 1:68, 74-75; Rom 12:1; Tit 2:11-12; Heb 12:14)—  
fear God and serve Him in holiness

2. **For our God is a Consuming Fire** (Num 11:1 & 16:35; Deut 4:24; 2 Kin 1:10,  
12)—He is HOLY.

**LISTEN TO: “Christ in Me”** (Damaris)

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