

The Great Shaking *Hebrews 12:25-29*

The question for believer and unbeliever alike this morning is this: Are you worshiping the unshakable God, or are you worshiping shakable possessions? Is your heart fixed on God? Is God your treasure, or is the world your treasure? Is God your security, or is your retirement plan your security? Is God your fellowship, or is your family the sum total of your fellowship? Are you an idolater? Is God your portion in this life, or is the world your portion? Do you stand with reverence and awe before the power and holiness of God, who is a consuming fire toward all sin, and do you clothe yourself with the asbestos righteousness of Jesus Christ, so that the fire of God can be seen from within as glory and not as punishment? John Piper

- I. The Gospel message was spoken to us through Christ Himself. He whispered it in our ear, penetrated our minds with its message, massaged our hearts with its powerful meaning and gave us a strong desire to accept its truth by faith. He spoke, we listened, we believed and as a result were saved from His impending judgement against sin. He is still speaking to us. He's the consummate conversationalist who loves to speak to our hearts His thoughts, wishes, commands and desires. Our challenge is to keep ourselves attentive to His voice. In fact, it's not an option. The warning of vs. 25 is for those who want nothing to do with their need for a Savior. On the other hand, it's message to us is that we must not allow the godless noise of this world to drown out what He is saying to us.

Heb. 12:25

Gal. 4:21-5:1

Rev. 3:14-16

Matt. 24:36-44

1 Thess. 5:8-11

Ex. 24:18

Ex. 32:1,7-9

Acts 28:25-27

Hebrews 1:1-2 *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.*

1 Thess. 5:9-10 *9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.*

- II. When God's shakes the earth for a final time, He will shake it so hard that it will cease to exist. Everything of this world, its sinful godless evil ways and its idols, will be destroyed. Peter says, *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare (Peter 3:10)*. It's a promise to those of us who know Him that justice is coming. It's a warning to those who don't that judgement is coming. It's God's creation, He can do with it as He pleases. His will is to give us an eternal inheritance that is perfect in every way in a perfect world and with perfect bodies and minds in a perfect holy relationship with the Triune God.

Heb. 12:26-27

Isa. 13:13

Ps. 114:7

Ps. 68:7-8

Rev. 21:5-8

Hag. 2:6 *"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.*

- III. Our salvation is secure, no one has the power to take it from us, no one. If we truly know Him, then the power of His blood has made us secure in Him despite our sinful shortcomings. What we've been given can't be shaken, it's permanent. There comes a time though, in our walk with Him, where we must realize that our stay here is temporary. It's not our world nor our kingdom, its existence is temporary, and its demise guaranteed. It is best then to put into practice in meaningful ways what it means to worship and reverence Him as we wait for the full realization of what salvation means for us.

Heb. 12:28-29

"Glory be to God, our kingdom cannot be moved! Not even dynamite can touch our dominion: no power in the world, and no power in hell, can shake the kingdom which the Lord has given to his saints. With Jesus as our monarch we fear no revolution and no anarchy: for the Lord hath established this kingdom upon a rock, and it cannot be moved or removed." (Spurgeon) Guzik

John 10:27-28 *7 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.*