

Hebrews 12:12-29

LESSON 25

Great Shaking, Godly Fear, and Consuming Fire

1. Hebrews 12:15-17 – Don't Fail

- a. *"root of bitterness"* – A reference to Deu 29:18-20, remembering Zeph 1:14, Lam 3:15
- b. *"no place of repentance... with tears"* – like Simon in Acts 8:20-23
- c. Entrance into the kingdom depended on it – 2Pet 1:10-11, Rev 3:4, 10:11, 21:27

2. Hebrews 12:18-25 – Two Mountains

- a. Mount Sinai – Exo 19:16-19; 20:18-22; Deu 5:24-27
- b. Mount Sion – which is far greater and *more* worthy of fear
 - i. *"Let us therefore fear"* - Heb 4:1, 10:27, 31; 11:7,27; 12:28, 13:6, Mt 10:28
- c. One might be touched (of the earth) – the other could not be reached (of heaven)
- d. *"fire, blackness, darkness, tempest"* – all repeated in the end - 2 Pet 2:17, Jude 4-7
- e. Sinai was just stone – Sion has spirits and angels, just men, the Judge of all – Ge 18:25
- f. *"church of the firstborn"* - Sinai had a nation Exo 4:22 , but in Sion – Luke 20:34-38
- g. There was no salvation in Sinai – There will be salvation in Sion – Isa 46:13, Zech 9:9-16
- h. One they did not want to hear God's voice – Now, they must hear His voice
 - i. *"speaketh better things"* – Abel's blood cursed - Gen 4:10, Rev 6:9-10
 - ii. Christ's blood spoke of a better testament – Heb 9:12-15 (beware – Heb 10:29)
- i. *"much more shall not we escape"* – compare to Heb 2:3-4; Luke 21:34-36
 - i. *"speaketh from heaven"* – Not to Paul, but Mt 3:17, Jo 6:38,12:28, 2Pe 1:18
 - ii. They stepped away from Sinai – they can't escape from Sion – Isa 64:1-4

3. Hebrews 12:25-29 – The Great Shaking

- a. The shaking is of God's judgment on the world – Hag 2:6, 2:21-22; Isa 13:13; Joe 3:16
- b. Consider Armageddon and the "great earthquake" – Rev 16:16-21
- c. The shaking happens in Matt 24:29 after the tribulation – Rev 6:13,12:7-8, Mk 13:24-25
- d. Peter preached reliance on God in time of trouble from David – Act 2:24-28
- e. They are living right before the day of vengeance – Isa 61:2-3, Ac 7:30-39
- f. The kingdom that cannot be moved is theirs if they endure – Dan 2:44
- g. *"let us have grace"* – *"grace in the eyes of the Lord"* - The grace of their NT – Hos 14:2
- h. *"serve God acceptably"* – If they do not, then they risk being burned up
- i. *"God is a consuming fire"* – believing Hebrews are the bush not consumed – Exo 3:2

Our God is a Consuming Fire

1. Deu 9:3 – A consuming fire shall destroy them
2. Num 11:1 – The fire of the Lord burnt the complainers
3. Num 16:35 - Fire from the Lord consumed 250 who offered incense
4. Deu 4:24 – The LORD God is a jealous God a consuming fire
5. Deu 5:25 - The consuming fire at Mt. Sinai God consumes everything else
6. Deu 32:22 - A fire of God's anger will burn unto the lowest hell
7. 1 Kings 18:38 – fire fell and consumed...
8. 2 Kings 1:10-12 – fire consumed them from heaven
9. 2 Chron 7:1 – God consumed with fire the burnt offering
10. Neh 2:3 – the gates of Israel consumed with fire (Neh 2:13)
11. Job 1:16 – Fire from heaven consumed the sheep
12. Ps 78:63 – Fire consumes the young men...
13. Isaiah 5:24 – the fire consuming for rejecting the Holy One...
14. Eze 22:31 – consumed them with the fire of my wrath...
15. Luke 9:54 – disciples want to call down fire to consume them...
16. The burning bush – was not consumed – this is the picture of Israel – Exo 3:2