



God Speaks For the Last Time to the World

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Hebrews 12:25-29

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

A Better Priest: Jesus (7-10)

A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)

The People of Faith (11)

The Perseverance of Faith (12)

Run the Race - Looking to Jesus vs. 1-2

Discipline — How God Trains Us vs. 3-11

The Christian Life — 3 Things We All Need vs. 12-17

A Tale of Two Mountains — What Motivates You to Live the Christian Life? vs. 18-24

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

Hebrews 12:25-29

There is a sense of **URGENCY** in this passage.

"See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking ..." v. 25

"... let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;" v. 28

There is a sense of the **UNIQUENESS** of God in this passage. *"for our God is a consuming fire."* v. 29

Exodus 20:4-6, 34:14

Numbers 25:11

Deuteronomy 4:24 (cf. Hebrews 12:29), 6:14-15, 29:20, 32:16, 21

Ezekiel 8:3

Joshua 24:19

Psalm 78:58

1 Corinthians 10:22

LESSON - God Speaks For the Last Time to the World: How Will You Respond? 12:25-29

I. GOD SPEAKS — What It Sounds Like vs. 25-27

The Setting — v. 25

A Contrast between Mount Sinai & Mount Zion (cf. 12:18-24)

God has spoken on earth v. 25a "... *who warned them on **earth***" (Mount Sinai)

God has spoken from heaven v. 25b "... *who warned them from **heaven***" (Mount Zion)

The Point ... This is a voice of **WARNING**.

The Sound — v. 26

*"And His voice **shook the earth then**, ..."*

*"But now He has promised, saying, yet once more I will shake **not only the earth, but also the heaven.**"*

The Seriousness — v. 27

*"This expression, 'Yet once more,' denotes the removing of those things **which can be shaken**, as of created things, so that those things which **cannot be shaken may remain.**"*

II. GOD SPEAKS — How We Should Respond vs. 28-29

The Response — v. 28

*"Therefore, ... let us show **gratitude**, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service **with reverence and awe**;"*

The Point — Our response to God can and should be both **HUMBLE** and **HAPPY**.

The Reason — v. 29

*"Our God is a **consuming fire**" (cf. Deuteronomy 4:24)*

"God's jealousy is not a compound of frustration, envy, and spite, as human jealousy so often is, but appears instead as a . . . praiseworthy zeal to preserve something supremely precious"

J.I. Packer, **Knowing God**, pg. 153

For What Is God Jealous?

- ☐ For His **NAME** to be great throughout the world. (Daniel 4; Acts 12:21-23)
- ☐ For His bride to **LOVE** Him supremely. (Matthew 10:37)