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Hebrews 12:25-29

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused Him who warned *them* on earth, much less *shall* we *escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven. 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." 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.

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Hebrews 12:25-29

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have gratitude, by which let us serve God acceptably with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

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Message of Hebrews

➤ *God's climactic word in the Son – hear Him!*

"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days He has spoken to us in *His Son*," (Heb. 1:1-2)

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Message of Hebrews

¹ For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, ³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? (Heb. 2:1-3)

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Final Warning of Final Judgment

➤ as believers, entrance to Zion is our ever-present privilege and our final, ultimate destiny – do not turn back and experience Mt. Sinai!

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Final Warning of Final Judgment

1. Fully Heed God's Voice

- the God who spoke at Mount Sinai is the One now speaking to His people through the exalted Son
- to refuse God's present voice is to turn away from Christ in hardened unbelief (c.f. Heb. 3:12)

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Final Warning of Final Judgment

Q: How does God speak today?

In the revelation of His Son, Jesus Christ, by means of His written and proclaimed word

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Final Warning of Final Judgment

2. Escape God's Earth-Shaking Voice

- the foreboding judgment on the disobedient at Mt. Sinai has become the anticipation of God's final judgment (Haggai 2:6)
- this judgment will be the final, decisive removal of all that belongs only to this created order (c.f. 2 Peter 3:10-13)

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Final Warning of Final Judgment

2. Escape God's Earth-Shaking Voice

- those who belong to the eternal, heavenly City will not be shaken, but will remain forever

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Final Warning of Final Judgment

3. Show Gratitude with Godly Fear

- gratitude for receiving the unshakable kingdom is the way to serve God that is pleasing to Him
- our life of worship is also characterized by godly fear and awe – a recognition of the majesty of God, His terrifying wrath, and certain judgment

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