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Hebrews 12:28-29

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

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➤ Context:

- 1) The life of enduring faith is also described as one that expresses deepest, awe-filled gratitude for what God has done in Christ
- 2) We will be safe in Christ in the day of God's final "shaking" – the removal in judgment of all that belongs only to this created order

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Gratitude with Godly Fear

1. An Unshakable Kingdom

- those who continue in faith are now in the process of receiving this kingdom – final, complete entrance is at Christ's return
- all other kingdoms and rulers will be removed; His kingdom will never be moved – it is everlasting (c.f. Dan. 7:13-14)

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Gratitude with Godly Fear

Q: How precious and present to you is your possession of this unshakable kingdom?

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2. An Acceptable Worship

A. Gratitude

- a sure foundation for an ongoing life of faithfulness is a profound sense of gratitude for God's amazing gift in Christ (c.f. Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18)
- gratitude for God's gift in Christ is the basis and means of worship that is pleasing to God

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Gratitude with Godly Fear

2. An Acceptable Worship

B. Godly Fear

- acceptable worship includes reverential awe – a mixture of fear, reverence, and wonder
- we fear in recognition of the holiness of God, His terrifying wrath and His certain judgment (*“for our God is a consuming fire”*)

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Gratitude with Godly Fear

Q: Is your relationship with and worship of the Lord marked by godly fear and awe?

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