

UNSHAKABLE

WEDNESDAY: MAY 27, 2020

READ: HEBREWS 12:18-24

SCRIPTURE VERSE: *"The sight was terrifying. Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." - Heb. 12:21*

TODAY'S THOUGHT:

Throughout the scriptures, especially in the Old Testament, the presence of God has been described with "trembling" or "shaking." This description of God often brought terror to those who experienced it. When God would show up and present himself, mountains would shake, and the earth would quake. One time He revealed Himself to Moses on a mountain of burning fire. God's presence was often associated with darkness, gloominess and storms. Even Moses responded by trembling in fear before this "unshakeable" God.

What is your vision of this "UNSHAKEABLE" God? Are we to be terrified before God as Moses was? Why would the writer of Hebrews include these verses? What is it that he wants us to see?

Here is what we know. What we believe about our future equally affects how we react to life in the here and now. By His "shaking" God was displaying why we need to approach Him in reverence and awe. We must come before God with a holy respect and fear. Not a fear that says "I'm scared or afraid" but with a sacred understanding of who God is. It is with humility that we can approach the God that shakes the very foundations of the universe.

The Hebrew Christians then and those who follow Christ today, no longer live in the timeframe of the Old Testament. Our attention has shifted from Mt. Sinai where God gave us the law, to Mt. Zion, where Jesus is now the mediator of the New Covenant. It is also where Christ will return and reign. It will be a kingdom of joy and not of fear.

We see in the text this joyful assembly. They are filled with joy because their names are written in the Book of Life. It is the glorious picture of heaven with its angelic host as it blends with the assurance of belonging not just to the church on earth with all its shortcomings, but also to heaven where their names are written. In this same spirit, Jesus exhorts those of us that are his disciples, though we are excited by what we have accomplished for the kingdom down here, we are to be more thrilled with the knowledge of our heavenly inheritance.

We know that our God is a faithful judge, and he has promised a future place for those who have become righteous through faith in the atoning blood of his Son. In the Old Testament, it was the blood of a murdered Abel that called for vengeance; while in the New Testament, the blood of the murdered Jesus promises reconciliation and forgiveness (v. 24). We live in a fallen and shaken world. A world being shaken by sin, lockdowns, unemployment, and sickness. Fortunately for us, we know where our hope in an "unshakeable" God can be found. It is found in the cross of Christ alone! Amen.

- **What is the point of the comparison between Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion?**
- **What makes you uneasy about this section of verses?**
- **What in this passage comforts you?**

FURTHER READING: REVELATION 14

SPEND SOME TIME IN PRAYER:

A=adoration

C=confession

T=thanksgiving

S=supplication

Be blessed by our Unshakeable God,

Pastor Randy

