

# A Kingdom Not Shaken

## Hebrews 12:18-29

September 24, 2023

Sermon Sketch: With so much of our world in constant upheaval, it is comforting to know that God is firmly on His throne and that His kingdom is not shaken...

- 1) How has God been speaking to you recently (When God Seems Silent, Pastor Bill Church, 9/17/23). What has He been saying to you?
- 2) Have you ever experienced a significant earthquake? What was it like? If not, can you imagine how disconcerting the ground shaking violently beneath you would be?
- 3) What is the underlying image you have of God in heaven? Is He a cosmic cop, just waiting to “ticket” you the moment you go a mile over the speed limit? Or is a kind and benevolent Father figure in your life?
- 4) How do you reconcile the judicial aspect of God’s character (Matthew 10:28) with His loving aspects (1 John 3:1)? How does Hebrews 12:3-11, which immediately precedes our passage under study, synthesize these two aspects of God’s role in our lives?
- 5) When God first spoke to His people directly it was so fear inducing (Exodus 19-20, especially 20:19 and Heb. 12:18-19) they asked that He not speak. How do we sometimes hinder God from speaking to us?

- 6) Compare and contrast the realities of verses 18-19 and those of 22-24. How is what God has done for us in the New Testament through Christ similar, and yet different from the Old Testament system?
- 7) How comforting is it to you that we can be a part of an unshakeable kingdom (28)?
- 8) How has God’s kindness and mercy to you called forth a response of worship and praise (29)?
- 9) As a consuming fire, how has God been refining (Malachi 3:2-3) your life lately?
- 10) How will you choose to be a person of praise in the week ahead?

