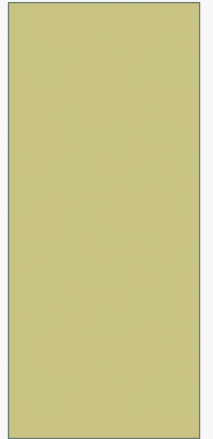


OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE

HEBREWS 12:25-29



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- See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “*Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.*” Now this, “*Yet once more,*” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

SUMMARY FROM PREVIOUS SERMON

- Yet once more...
Haggai 2:6 reference to new Temple in Jerusalem and also a spiritual Temple
- The holy nature of God and our approach to worship
- The mountain that burned with fire
Hebrews 12:18-24
Exodus 19-32
- Culminating in the golden calf disaster

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES

OUR APPROACH TO WORSHIPPING A HOLY GOD

THE EXAMPLE OF JOB

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JOB

- We know what happened to Job
 - 1:13-22 loses property and children
 - 2:1-10 loses health and wife
 - 2:11-13 his three friends arrive
- Chapters 3-37 contain discussions between Job and his friends
- Job 38:1 "The the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind..."
- God doesn't let up until Job 40:2
 - Job's response: Behold, I am vile... (40:3-5)

- God resumes questioning (Job 40:6) and continues through 41:34
- Job's response: "I abhor myself and repent... (42:1-6)
- This is similar to what is prescribed in Hebrews 12:28-29

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."

- The lesson from Job is we need reverence and godly fear

THE EXAMPLE OF ISAIAH

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ISAIAH

- Isaiah 6:1-6

High and lifted up
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Posts shaken

House filled with smoke

- Woe is me!
- I am undone!
- I am a man of unclean lips
- Isaiah 6:7 (similar to Jeremiah 1:9)

THE EXAMPLE OF EZEKIEL

OUR APPROACH TO WORSHIPPING A HOLY GOD

EZEKIEL

- Ezekiel 1:1-28
- Ezekiel's response (verse 28):

“So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of one speaking.”

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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

- Revelation 4:1-11

A throne set in heaven

Like a jasper and a sardius stone

An emerald rainbow around the throne

24 thrones with 24 elders clothed in white robes with
crowns of gold on their heads

Lightnings, thunderings, voices

Seven lamps of fire

Sea of glass like crystal

Four living creatures

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

YOU ARE WORTHY

- Revelation 7:9-17 Great multitude

Clothed with white robes

Palm branches

Angels, elders, living creatures

SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD WHO SITS ON
THE THRONE AND TO THE LAMB

AMEN! BLESSING AND GLORY AND WISDOM,
THANKSGIVING AND HONOR AND POWER AND
MIGHT BE TO OUR GOD

Living fountains of water

- Revelation 21:1-27 A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

Verse 27:

“But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”