<u>The Letter To The Hebrews</u>
Be Grateful For The Unshakeable Kingdom
Hebrews 12:25-29

<u>Introduction</u>

Throughout church history, groups of believers have thought they figured out when Christ would return to earth, and bring world history to a close.

But Jesus clearly taught that we would not know when He is coming back. What He wants us to focus on is what it means that He is certainly coming back.

In Hebrews 1225-29 the author of Hebrews tells us what will happen when Jesus returns —

<u>What is God speaking to us now</u>? (vv.25-27)

On Mt. Sinai God showed Israel what it would be like for sinful people to be in the presence of a perfectly holy and righteous God. At that time He warned them from earth that they needed a mediator — a Savior.

But now He warns us from heaven that in the future He will shake the heavens and the earth (v.26).

That means everything that can be shaken will be removed and gone (27). All that will be left is the unshakeable kingdom (v.28).

That does not mean there will be no heaven and earth. God says He will destroy the present heavens and earth and replace them with the new heavens and earth of His Kingdom.

This truth transforms how we live our lives.

<u>Where else is this taught in God's Word</u>?

2 Peter 3:10-13

Revelation 6:12-17

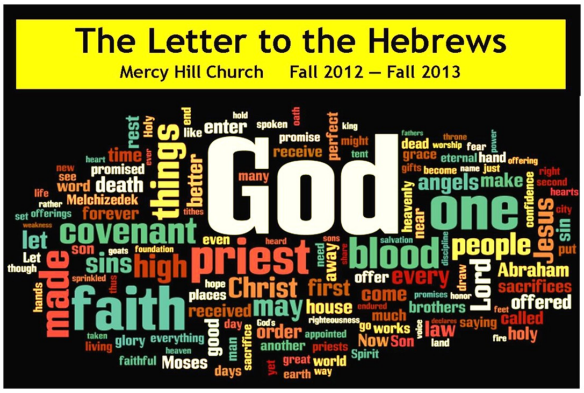
Revelation 21:1-4

<u>How should we respond to this</u>?

Don't refuse Him who is speaking (v.25)

Be grateful to God for receiving this unshakeable kingdom (v.28)

Offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe (v.28)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HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What questions did this passage, or the other passages, raise in your mind?

What difference does this truth of God shaking the heavens and earth and you having received His unshakeable kingdom make in the way you are living?

Are there other ways you think this truth should be affecting you?

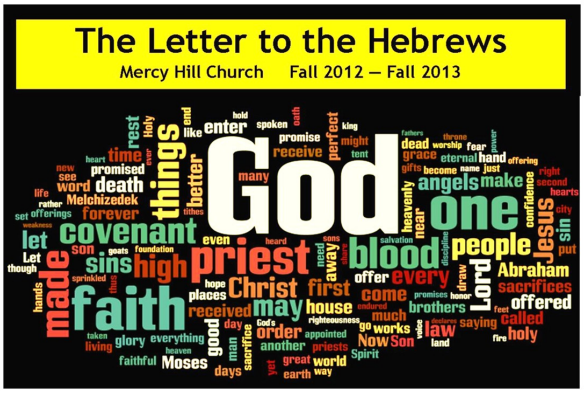
Is this truth one which we should be thinking about often? Or is it better kept in the back of our minds?

Do you have a hard time believing that God really will shake the heavens and earth, and replace them with the new heaven and earth of His kingdom? Why or why not?

How grateful do you feel to God for having given you this unshakeable kingdom through faith in Christ? What could you do to feel more grateful?

Have you ever taken time to intentionally stir up worship to God for what He has done in giving you this kingdom? Why or why not?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.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