

## DO NOT BEG-OFF WHEN GOD SPEAKS

*Hebrews 12:25-29*

## INTRODUCTION:

A. Paul has presented two sources of information

- 1) God spoke to Israel through Moses on Mt. Sinai, *"the voice of words"* vs 19
- 2) *"The blood of sprinkling, which speaketh better things than that of Abel."* vs 24

B. He now warns them that they must hear the instruction that Jesus speaks from heaven.

- 1) Jesus is at the Father's right hand
- 2) *"See that ye refuse not his that speaketh..."* vs 25a
- 3) *"refuse"* = παραίτησμαι = "to ask beside or aside", "to beg-off from", "to entreat that something may not take place", "excuse one's self"
- 4) *"Be careful that when God speaks plainly to you that you do not beg-off and excuse yourself from obeying Him."*

I. No One Can Run Away From God vs 25b

A. *"...for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth..."*

- 1) *"escaped"* = εκφευγω = "to flee out of a place", "to totally get away from"
- 2) *"refused"* = "to ask beside or aside", "to beg-off from", "to entreat that something may not take place", "excuse one's self"
- 3) *"...for if they could not successfully run away from God when they begged-off from obeying Him when He instructed them..."*

B. *"...much more shall we not escape..."*

- 1) "how little chance there is for us"
- 2) "still less shall we escape" NEB



- C. "...if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven."
- 1) "turn away" = αποστρεφω = "to turn one's self away from"
  - 2) "speaketh" = χρηματιζω = "to give divine instruction", "to warn"
  - 3) "heaven" = ουρανος
  - 4) "Him who is teaching us from heaven" TENT

## II. God's Voice Shakes The Earth vs 26

- A. "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying..." vs 26
- 1) "shook" = σαλευω = "to shake", "to move to and fro"
  - 2) "promised" = επαγγελλομαι = "to announce one's intention"
  - 3) "His voice, even then, made the earth rock." KNOX

- B. "...yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."
- 1) "shake" = σειω = "to move to and fro with a shock", "to move back and forth because of a concussion"
  - 2) "Once again I will cause (with a great shock) the earth to tremble and also the heaven."
  - 3) Haggai 2:6-7

- C. "And this word, yet once more signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken..." vs 27
- 1) "signifieth" = δηλωω = "to reveal", "to bring to light"
  - 2) "removing" = μεταθεσις = "transposition"
  - 3) "shaken" = σαλευομαι = "what is or can be shaken"
  - 4) "And those words still once more" TENT
  - 5) "Show clearly that He will sift out everything without solid foundation" TAY

- D. "...as of things that are made..."
- 1) "made" = ποιωω = "to form", "produce", "to bring about", "to cause"
  - 2) "This created universe" KNOX

E. "...that those things which cannot be shaken may remain"

- 1) "shaken" = ταραχθῆναι = not shaken ἀταραχτομενα =  
"to move to and fro"
- 2) "remain" = μένω = "continue", "abide", "stay"
- 3) "And only the unshakeable things will abide"

### III. Eternal Things Cannot Be Shaken vs 28

A. "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken..."  
vs 28

- 1) "receiving" = παραλαμβάνω = "to take near to one's self",  
"to receive"
- 2) "kingdom" = βασιλεία = "the royal dominion", "including  
the power and form of government, with the territory and  
the kingdom"
- 3) "shaken" = (cannot be) = ἀσαλευτος = "that which  
cannot be moved to and fro"
- 4) This is that kingdom that Jesus taught us to pray to  
come, "Thy kingdom come"
- 5) It will be a time when His will shall be done on earth as  
it is in heaven!

B. "...let us have grace,..."

- 1) "grace" = εχωμεν εχω χαριν = "let us be grateful"
- 2) "be filled with thankfulness" CON.

C. "...whereby we may serve God acceptably..."

- 1) "serve" = λατρευω = "to worship"
- 2) "acceptably" = ευαρεστως = "so as to please", "well  
pleasing"
- 3) "Give God such worship as is pleasing to him" BAS

D. "...with reverence and godly fear:"

- 1) "reverence" = ευλαβεια = "reverence", "caution"
- 2) "godly fear" = δεος = "awe", "the apprehension of danger  
as in a forest"
- 3) "with fear and respect" BAS

IV. The Reason For Worshipping God In Reverence And Respect  
vs 29

A. "For our God is a consuming fire." vs 29

1) "consuming" = καταναλίσκω = "to consume wholly or  
thoroughly"

2) "For our God is a devouring fire." NEB

B. This was a prior claim

1) *Hebrews 10:30-31*

2) He has not changed

