

Sermon Notes

Acceptable Worship to God

Hebrews 12:25-29

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

12:25 Do not refuse the One who is speaking. Do not turn away from the One from heaven.

12:26-27 In the end, earth and heaven will be shaken and removed. The unshakable will remain.

The next shaking will happen right before Christ's second coming.

The spiritual kingdom is unshakable (eternal).

This should affect how we live our everyday lives, now.

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12:28-29 Since we are receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have grace, by which we may serve-in-worship, acceptable to God

The word grace refers to giving a kindness.

Most other stuff we could invest in here on earth will pass away, but people are eternal. The kindnesses we show them matter to God.

One of the daily ways that Christians are to serve God is to show kindnesses to people. God accepts this as worship from us.

We worship an awesome God.

Reflection:

Do you currently think this way?

Who are the people you tend to neglect?

What keeps you from focusing on people?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Related reading: Matthew 24:29-30, Revelation 6:12-17, 21:1, 2 Peter 3:10

Application questions for 4/2/2017 sermon

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(Based on verses 26-27)

The fact that, at the end of time, all physical things are going to be shaken and pass away (see 2 Peter 3:10), how does that make you feel about the things you are investing your life and time in?

(The following questions are based on the translation and interpretation of verse 29 that was presented in the sermon. That translation is, “let us have grace”, and the interpretation being, this refers to us giving kindness, doing kind acts for people.)

If our acts of kindness toward other people are worship acceptable to God, how do you feel you are worshipping God in this way, currently?

It seems, one of the most important things you can do in a day is to focus on people, specifically doing acts of kindness toward them. At what level would you say you think that way? Is anything changing about your thinking related to this?

How do you see that you have not done a kind act for a person(s), because you have been too busy with stuff? For example: not take time to have a conversation with someone, not served in the church or community event, not helped a neighbor or brother with a chore of theirs, not done something with your kids or spouse.

Who are the people you tend to neglect (not take the time to do acts of kindness toward them)?

What are you focused on, busy with, that typically keeps you from focusing on people? Here are some ideas to get you thinking: is it work, making money, chores, entertainment, your worries or struggles, or maybe you look down on that person(s)?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

What do you want to change?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.

Bonus: Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?