

## The Promise: The Danger of Refusing God's Word

Hebrews 12:25-29  
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### INTRODUCTION

- One main point: **Refusing God's Word is Refusing God Himself**
- One main imperative: **See that you do not refuse him who is speaking**

#### **A. God Speaks and is Not Silent**

1. God is speaking
  - a) In the Scriptures
    - (1) **John 1:1-4**
    - (2) **Hebrews 2:1-4**
  - b) Recorded history
2. All are accountable
  - a) They did not escape at Mt. Sinai
    - (1) Rejecting God's law
      - (a) **Exodus 19:18**
      - (b) God has not become less awesome
      - (c) The people have not become less accountable, actually even more so
    - (2) From earth
    - (3) Earth shook
  - b) There is no escape for those before Mt. Zion
    - (1) Rejecting God's Promise
    - (2) From heaven
    - (3) Earth and heaven shaken

(4) **Hebrews 10:26-31**

#### **B. The Earth Shakes and will Not Sustain**

1. The reverberation of God's Speech
  - a) "Yet once more"
  - b) **Haggai 2:6-7**
  - c) The temple has been representative of God's presence with His people.
  - d) **Luke 19:45-48**
2. Everything reconciled
  - a) Heaven and earth
  - b) Only what's holy remains
3. Created things shaken
4. Uncreated & recreated things remain
  - a) Greek philosophy would state that what cannot be changed is truly eternal
  - b) Security in His securing

#### **C. God Alone Remains**

1. Banking on works to save is rejecting God's Word
  - a) Working to earn salvation will only gain you an earthly kingdom, and that will be destroyed
  - b) **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**
  - c) Every other warning in Hebrews
2. Storing up treasures to be shaken and destroyed is rejecting God's Word
  - a) **Luke 6:19-21**
  - b) **1 Timothy 6:6-10**

3. Offering unacceptable worship is rejecting God's Word
  - a) Acceptable worship flows out of a position of gratitude
    - (1) The causal phrase is receiving an unshakable kingdom
    - (2) Worship is only true when flowing out of gratitude for being secured in Christ's kingdom by Christ Himself
  - b) Acceptable worship flows toward God alone
    - (1) Through Christ
    - (2) **Hebrews 4:14-16**
    - (3) **Hebrews 10:19-25**