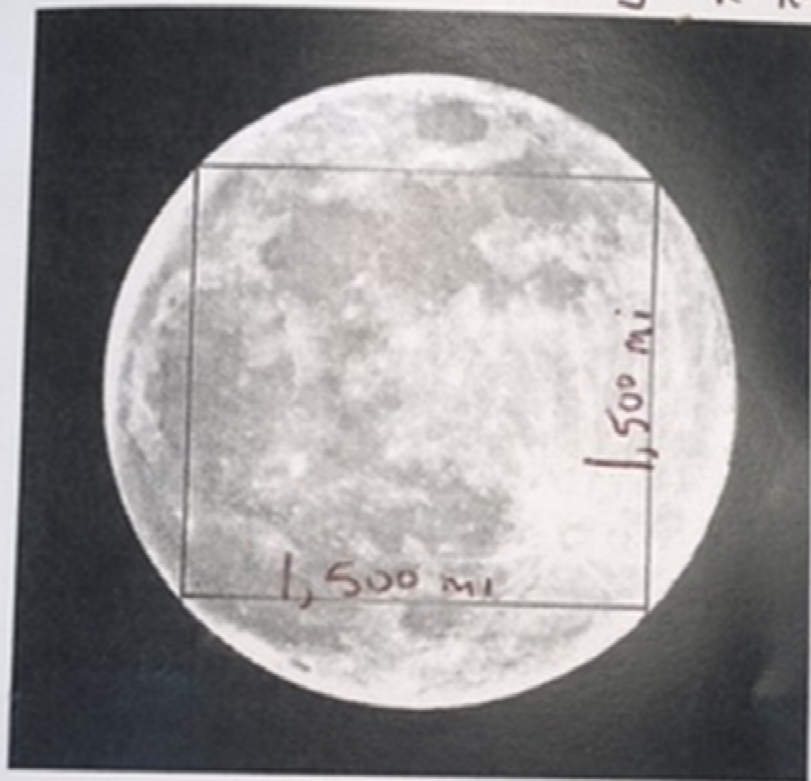


A Kingdom that Cannot be Shaken

- From Heb 12:18-24 we learned that there are two sides to God—A **power side**—as seen at Mt Sinai and a **nurturing side**—as seen in Mt Zion, Jn 14:2

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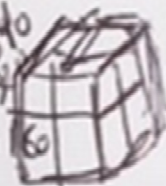
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- Today Heb 12:25-29 gives us reasons to feel secure even when there are threatening events going on around us.

Security vs anxiety

Structuring my life around what is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away.

1. We must pay close attention to what Jesus says, vs 25

- Vs 25a, God has spoken to us through Jesus just as surely as he spoke to the Israelites at Mt Sinai, Heb 1:1-2; Jn 1:1-4
- Vs 25b, We are warned about the seriousness of not paying attention to God, 1Cor 10:1-12.

Jesus speaks now

*4) destroyer 14,700
5) earth 6) fire*

*most died in desert except Caleb Joshua
2) 23,000 in one day
3) many by serpent*

- Five reasons why people do not believe the bible.
 - Reason number **one** is neglect, Heb 2:1 *during the week?*
 - Reason number **two** is unbelief Heb 3:12
 - Reason number **three** is tradition, Heb 9:14 *bad works*
 - Reason number **four** is impatience, Heb 10:36 *endurance*
 - Reason number **five** is fear, Heb 13:6 *do not fear*
- Bottom line: We must pay close attention to what Jesus says

2. There is a judgment day coming, vs 26

- The voice referred to here is that of God speaking to the Hebrews at Mt Sinai, Heb 12:18-19; Hag 2:6; Is 13:13; 24:18d-20; Rev 6:12b-17 *earth is shaken*
- Bottom line: There is a judgment day coming and the things of earth as we know them will be shaken out of their place.

3. Signs that the end is near, vs 27 *Yet one more*

- Jesus and His disciples, Mt 24:3b; 6-8 *wars, rumors of wars, natural catastrophes only birth pangs*
 - Notice three things *birth pains - increase in frequency & intensity*
 - 1) There is an end coming; but not yet, vs 6
 - 2) Before it comes there will be wars, famines and earthquakes, vs 7
 - 3) These calamities are called; birth-pangs, vs 8
- Why would God ordain the frequency and intensity of wars, earthquakes and famines? 1Pt 1:3-5; 2Pt 3:18
- Bottom line: We need to remember that wars and calamities are signs that the end is near.

4. What a kingdom that cannot be shaken means, vs 28

- The fact that we have received an unshakable kingdom does not mean that we will have safety in this world.
 - What it **does** mean is given in Rom 8:38-39 *we don't escape judgement* *Convinced it will not be power but love of God which is JC*

- It does not mean that the household of God won't be judged, we will, 1Pt 4:17; 1Cor 3:11-15 *Revealed by fire*
- Mt 7:24-27 makes it clear what it means.
- Bottom line: Christ is the solid rock that will not be shaken.

Application

- Our text has given us four things today.
 - ✓ 1. We must pay close attention to what Jesus says
 - ✓ 2. There is a judgment day coming
 - ✓ 3. There are signs that the end is near
 - ✓ 4. God's kingdom cannot be shaken
- In view of all these things we should worship God with reverence and awe. *feat of God*
- The question for believer and unbeliever alike this morning is this:
 - Are you worshiping the unshakable God, or are you worshiping shakable possessions?
 - Is your heart fixed on God?
 - Is God your treasure, or is the world your treasure?
 - Are you looking to God for security, or are you looking to what you have for security?
 - Do you stand with reverence and awe before the power and holiness of God
 - Are you building your life on the solid rock Jesus Christ, so that no matter what happens you will not fall?