



Hebrews Chapter 12 A Fathers Love

Last week in our study into the 11th chapter of the book of Hebrews we spoke a lot about “Faith”.. and we looked at the biblical definition of the word “Faith” and what it meant to the Apostles and even more importantly what it meant to our Messiah... and we found that “Faith” has much more to do with our actions than it does with simply confessing that Yahshua is our Messiah. Yes faith does have to do with confessing that our Messiah is who he says that he is but even more than that... is the obedience of faith that goes hand in glove with that belief.

We cannot simply say that we believe and then turn right around and go back to our old life, and return like a dog to it's vomit, or pig back to it's mere. As we're very clearly told through out our scriptures in places like Hebrews 10:26-31, and again in Hebrews 6:4 through 6.. if we continue to go on sinning there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin.. and this is something that far to many would be Christians think that they're completely exempt from.. but the scriptures do not lie. Men lie.. but the scriptures do not.. as it is written... let God be true.. and every man a liar.

So knowing that faith with out works is dead... just as James the brother of our Messiah tells us in James 2:17... we ought not to be so quick to think that we are once saved always saved as the wolves of the world teach and preach... but rather that because we are saved by the grace of God... we ought to know how to love him... 1st John 5:3.

We also spoke about the fact that our Messiah did not come to abolish the law of his Father or his Father's prophets... and the fact that our Messiah himself warned us that not the dotting of an “i” or the crossing of a “t” would pass from his Fathers law until Heaven and Earth pass away should be clear... and we all know that heaven and earth does not pass away until Revelation chapter 21 verse 1 clear at that back of the book.

We also spoke about Enoch and the book of Enoch that the apostles and even our own Messiah quoted from, and how relevant that it is for every Christian to at least consider the implications of what is found in the book of Enoch and to judge for ourselves what our Father in Heaven wants us to know and understand concerning these things

We also spoke (as we often do) about how important it is to always test everything to the God breathed scriptures that we hold in our hands and to test these things through the fire of prayer, and how important that it is to take these things to our prayer closets and to bow our heads and

bend our knee's and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yahshua Hamashiach our Messiah if these things be true or not.

We spoke about how even Paul himself tells us in Romans 16:25 through 27 that the very reason that our Messiah came was to bring about the obedience of faith... and I always find it sad that so many would be professing Christians today are completely blinded to that biblical truth.

We also spoke about the fact that those who have preceded us in death are waiting for us to join them so that we as one body can then be given the promised salvation that our Messiah and his Father have pledged to us, just as we're told in Hebrews chapter 11 verses 39 and 40. The blessed hope that we have is what keeps us in the race, and gives us the endurance that we need to endure to the end as we're commanded by our Messiah in Matthew 24:13.

And so now as we turn to the 12th chapter of the book of Hebrews we will still see the continuation of what faith is... but we'll also see the love of our Father in Heaven who has by his grace... granted us and escape rout from sin. And we'll see our Father in a much different light than most modern day professing Christians see him in. We'll see a Father who has sent his only begotten son to be the founder and the perfecter of our faith... and example... a strong hold... and the very rock that we build our houses upon.

We'll see a Father who disciplines the children that he loves and cares about, and we'll see how those children who truly love and trust him react to his discipline. Just as our earthly fathers have disciplined us in our childhood... so too does our Father in Heaven chastise and discipline us as the children that he loves so that we can learn to be even stronger, and more refined than even that of pure gold... and yet worth so much more in the eyes of our Father.

We'll see why God hated Esau, and we'll see very clearly that not everyone is going to get into his coming kingdom as so many denominational charters of men proudly proclaim. We'll hear the author of the book of Hebrews speak to us about those who have become defiled, and those who are sexually immoral, and un-holy. We'll hear him speak about how after Esau traded his birthright for a bowl of soup... how he was rejected, and had no chance to repent even though he sought his fathers blessing with tears of regret.

We'll hear the author of the book of Hebrews once again tell us that everything that we see with our human eyes or touch with our human hands will be shaken... and not only the earth... but also the heavens... so that only things not seen will remain. And we'll learn that our Father is a Father full of love and mercy and grace... but not only love, mercy, and grace for those who love him... but also wrath and fire for those who hate him and his children. Once again helping us to understand that the fear of God our Father... is indeed the beginning of knowledge.

So along with all of those attributes that we find in the 12th chapter of the book of Hebrews... let

us turn to the 12th chapter of the book of Hebrews for ourselves... and let's read what it has to say for ourselves.

Hebrews chapter 12:1-29:

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Heb 12:2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 12:3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Heb 12:4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Heb 12:5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

Heb 12:6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Heb 12:8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Heb 12:9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

Heb 12:10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

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Heb 12:13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

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Heb 12:16 that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

Heb 12:17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Heb 12:18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest

Heb 12:19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

Heb 12:20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned."

Heb 12:21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

Heb 12:23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

Heb 12:24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Heb 12:25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

Heb 12:26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

Heb 12:27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

Heb 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.

So... now that we've had a chance to glance at exactly what the 12th chapter of Hebrews says so that we can keep it in the proper context... let's go back and see what wisdom that we can gain from meditating on these scriptures a little closer. Let's start with verses 1 and 2:

*Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us **run with endurance the race that is set before us,***

*Heb 12:2 looking to Jesus, the **founder and perfecter of our faith,** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is **seated at the right hand of the throne of God.***

What do we run with?... "Endurance"... we run with endurance... why?... because just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 24 verse 13... it will only be those who endure to the end that will be saved. How many professing Christians are there among us today who believe that they are already saved? How many professing Christians are there who are going to stand before our Messiah on that great day and say "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?"... and what does our Messiah tell us that he's going to tell them in Matthew 7:23? He says he's going to tell them that he never knew them... and he's going to tell them to get away

from him because they chose to be lawless, and did not do the will of his Father in Heaven.

These things my friends are all in our scriptures. They are the red letter words of the very Messiah that today's modern day would be professing Christians claim to know and love... and yet most of them have no idea of the warning that he gave them with his own breath, with his own tongue, and with his own red letter words... and do you know why?... Because they don't pick up their scriptures and read his red letter words for themselves. Instead they allow some stranger that they barley know tell them his version of what our Messiah said and did not say.

How sad is this my friends... how sad... how ignorant, and how un-studied, and slothful, and how lazy are these who are standing before our Messiah trying to tell him how great they are and how much they've done when they don't even know who he is... because they chose to follow Pastor BillyJoeBob down the street... instead of following after the red letter words of scripture spoken by the very Messiah that they claim to know and love.

In the name of our Messiah Yahshua Hamashiach... may he forbid this from ever happening to any one of us... and may his Ruach Hakodesh speak loudly and plainly and clearly into our ears, and help us to have the discernment that only he can give us, so that we don't fall prey to the tricks of that lion who prowls around lurking in the background just waiting to see who he may devour. May the rock that we've built our houses on be our foundation... our stronghold... our fortress... and our strength... so that our feet may not slip... and our faith might not waver in the evil days that we are now living in.

How important is it for us to study to show ourselves approved, as our Messiah commands us? How important is it for us to read these scriptures for ourselves? How important is it for us to allow him to speak to our hearts, and not some man standing behind a denominational pulpit, preaching and teaching the wisdom of men? How important is it that we each take the time to go to our own prayer closets and to bow our heads and bend our knee's and to face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and to ask in the name of Yashua Hamashiach Jesus our Messiah for his discernment, and his understanding, and his power and his strength to endure through these wicked days that we now live in?

Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Yahshua, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God... which in turn brings us right back to Psalms 110:

Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

Psa 110:2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

Psa 110:5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

Psa 110:6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

Psa 110:7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

As we... who have been studying the book of Hebrews already know... Psalms 110 does not say "The Lord says to my Lord". This is a blatant lie... a cover up... it's a purposeful, and deliberate cover up by those who persist in preaching and teaching a trinity of pagan gods.

The scripture actually reads "Yahovah" says to my "Adone"... not God says to himself. Here in Psalms 110 we see Yahovah the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob... saying to his only begotten Son Yahshua Hamashiach... "*Sit at my right hand... until I make your enemies your footstool*" ... just as we see in Hebrews 12:2.

Our Messiah... who is the one Mediator between man and God... the "MAN" Yahshua Hamashiach... Jesus the Messiah... just as we're told in 1st Timothy 2:5... is told to sit at his Father's right hand while his Father makes his enemies his footstool. Let's get that my friends... let's understand that... and let's stand on the rock of truth handed down through God-breathed scriptures that we have in our very hands, and let's not waver from it.

The God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob is not some three in one triune pagan god my friends. He is "ONE GOD" just as he clearly without stutter tells us in Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 45:5 and 6, and our Messiah clearly tells us in Mark 12:29... the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob is "ONE"... NOT THREE!

Our Father and his only begotten Son live in each one of us who truly have faith and understand what the biblical definition of faith truly is, and who understand the obedience of faith that our Messiah came to bring about by writing the laws of his Father on our hearts and in our minds just as it is written in Hebrews 10:15 through 17... so that we all... can be one in the Messiah. Galatians 3:27-29:

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

WE ARE ALL ONE! Yahovah our Father is one with us... God is not three in one... God is one in trillions! And those who believe in a trinity of gods have no explanation for the "SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD" found in the scriptures. The "seven spirits of God" are mentioned

in Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; and again in 5:6. Revelation 1:4 mentions that the seven spirits are before God's throne. Revelation 3:1 tells us that Yahshua our Messiah "holds" the seven spirits of God. Revelation 4:5 links the seven spirits of God with seven burning lamps that are before God's throne. Revelation 5:6 identifies the seven spirits of God with the "seven eyes" of the Lamb and states that they are "sent out into all the earth." But today's modern day philosophers, and PHD holding doctors, and their denominational charters of men will try to tell us that because our Messiah mentions the Father and the Son and the Ruach Hakodesh... that God is a pagan three in one God... because that's what their so called early church fathers believed, and their prestigious bible commentators have licked up the vomit of their so called early church fathers and the dogma, and the papal bull of the Roman Catholic church and their ecumenical councils, and have now made void the word of God in order to hold onto their own man made tradition just like the Pharisees had done in our Messiah time... (and still do today by the way).

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Deu 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Today's Pastors, Priests, Bishops, and Popes have all become nothing more than lawyers that can make an innocent man seem guilty and a guilty man seem Innocent. They play with and twist the scriptures to their own destruction and think nothing of it. They build whole communities and denominational empires of dirt around their philosophical theologies, and their new found herminutical concepts, all claiming to be right... all claiming to hold the wisdom of God in their hands... all claiming to be able to lead us and our children into the gates of Heaven... all the while standing there in front of us with their Rolex watches, and their three piece Armani Suits, holding their thousand dollar leather bound bibles in their hands pointing to the heavens.

Hear Oh Israel... Yahovah our God... Yahovah... is one.. declares our scriptures. And as for me and my house... we will serve the One God of Israel. As it is written... "Let God be true... and every man a liar".

Hebrews chapter 12:3 and 4:

Heb 12:3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Heb 12:4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your

blood.

“ *Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted*”. How profound is that my friends? So that we may not grow wary or fainthearted.

Let me ask you this my friends. How many of you have been hearing the rumblings of war with North Korea in the News? How many of you have sons and grandsons, and Uncles, and Nephews... who you know full well will be drafted into this on-coming world war three event?

How many of you worry about the schools that your sending your children into... knowing that they're now programming our children to question their gender... and teaching them about homosexual penguins and transsexual butterfly's?

How many of you are worried about civil war breaking out where you live, or your child being the next one to be kidnapped and sold into a sex slave ring of pedophiles? How many of you are now avoiding large crowds, and public events because of the terror being perpetrated around the world by those who would drive semi trucks into crowds of people, or plant cooker bombs in backpacks, or simply pull out a knife or a hammer and simply start murdering as many people as they can?

How many of us are growing weary... or fainthearted over these things? How many of us fear for our sons and daughters as they grow up in a world full of debauchery and wickedness... sexual immorality, and transgender programming? How many of us are growing weary or fainthearted over our illustrious leaders building whole sanctuary cities... full of criminals and fugitives from the law... rapists... murderers... and creating safe havens for the lawless... with in the gates of our very cities all in the name of... love?

“*In your struggle against sin you have not **yet** resisted to the point of shedding your blood.*” You have not and I quote... “Yet”... resisted to the point of shedding your blood... Not that you won't be required to do so at some point in time. But even as our Messiah stood in the face of adversity... so to are we called to stand... to pick up our crosses... and to follow him. And in order to be strong enough to do so... we must be made strong in the faith that we hold so dear to our hearts. And this is exactly why our Father strengthens us through the fire of discipline, and chastisement.

Hebrews 12:6-13:

Heb 12:6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

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Heb 12:13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The discipline and chastisement of our Father in Heaven are what keep us safe from sin and the tricks of the evil one. Discipline and chastisement and his rod and his staff are what keep us securely within the safety of his wings. It's his discipline and his chastisement that refine us in the fire of endurance so that our steel may be hardened against the arrows of the evil one and his weapons of death and destruction.

But once his discipline and his chastisement has shaped us, and molded us, and formed us, and strengthened us... we will have grown in the wisdom and the knowledge of our Father, and we will have been educated in the ways of righteousness, and we will have put on the full armor of God... and we will be well equipped to stand in the evil day... and to be victorious on the battlefield of this world. To this very day I remember the voice of my mother speaking these very words into my ears:

Yahovah is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for he is with me; his rod and his staff, they comfort me. He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies; he anoints my head with oil; and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of Yahovah forever.

Hebrews 12:14-21:

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Heb 12:21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

One of the first things that we see mentioned here is Esau.. who sold his birthright for a single meal... and it's important to understand what's being said here my friends. Esau's birthright here represents our salvation. How many would be professing Christians today... have sold their salvation for a bowl of soup? How many would be professing modern day Christians have traded their salvation for a "Once saved always saved" lie that they think in their small minds... has given them a license to return to their sin?

How many would be professing Christians will buy into the lie of "Do as thou wilt... is the whole of the law"? How many would be professing Christians love to have their itching ears scratched by the prowling lion that lurks around searching to see who he can devour? They love to have their itching ears scratched by the wolves in sheep's clothing that tell them that everyone is a sinner so it's okay. You're once saved always saved so it's okay. Nobody's perfect so it's okay. God loves you no matter what so it's okay. We're all going to heaven so it's okay. There's lots of ways to get to heaven, I'll get there my way and you'll get there yours so it's all good... it's okay.

Esau thought it was okay to sell his birthright for a bowl of soup. He was hungry... and the devil whispered in his ear... "It's okay". How many would be professing Christians out there today understand that God hated Esau? Oh God doesn't hate anyone does he? Let's read Romans 9:13-26:

Rom 9:13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!

Rom 9:15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

Rom 9:16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

Rom 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Rom 9:18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

Rom 9:19 You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"

Rom 9:20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"

Rom 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Rom 9:22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

Rom 9:23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

Rom 9:24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Rom 9:25 As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"

Rom 9:26 "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

God hated Esau... and you can also find that again in Malachi 1:3... and so it's important for today's modern day Christian to understand that God is God... and we are not. We think in our primitive, and un-studied minds that God can not hate... and that God is love and love is God. The problem is that we as modern day professing Christians do not understand the definition of the word "Love". What is "Love"... what does it mean?

I dare say that you could ask 10 Christians what "Love" is and you would get 10 different answers. But according to the scripture there's only one right answer, and it's found in 1st John 5:3:

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

That's what love is to God. Love is not just about what comes out of our mouths. It's not just about confessing, and professing. It's not just about tears. It's not just about praise and worship.

What did our Messiah tell the Pharisees and the Scribes in Matthew 15:8-9:

*Mat 15:8 "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;
Mat 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."*

Love is about doing the business of God our Father. It's about getting up off our knee's and caring for the sick... sharing with the poor... giving to the destitute... lifting up the down trodden... fixing the broken heart, and restoring it with the truth of the Gospel message... it's about fighting the good fight, and running the race to the end with the endurance given to us by his Ruach Hakodesh and the fire of faith that burns deep with in our souls... it's about cutting through the darkness by dragging the deceptions of the evil one out into the daylight where it can be devoured by the light and destroyed by his righteousness.

Love... like faith... is an action word. And if we love him then we will trust him to have mercy on whom he will have mercy... not who we think he should have mercy on. Once again... God is God... and we... are not. God took the time to come down and thunder his commandments to his children in the wilderness. If you will read Exodus chapter 20 you'll see where God did not just give his commandments to Moses on tablets of stone. God personally came down himself and thundered his commandments to his children in the wilderness... and they were so afraid that they told Moses not to let God speak to them again because they were afraid that if God spoke to them again... that they would surly die... but even Moses himself was afraid... and yet he agreed... and so did God... that Moses would indeed be the mediator between God and man... sound familiar?

So when we read Hebrews 12:18-21 we're reminded of how afraid the people were of God when he came down and spoke to them... and this was good in the eyes of God because by introducing himself to them... he knew full well that they would respect him for who he was and is.

But the comparison that the author of Hebrews is making, is between the children of Israel in the wilderness... and those who are part of witnessing the coming of the Messiah and the disclosure of the mystery of the gospel. The children of Israel in the wilderness had no way of knowing or understanding the coming of the son of God... but the Apostles and those living at that time did understand because they lived through it. Hebrews 12:22-29:

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

Heb 12:23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

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Heb 12:26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

Heb 12:27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

Heb 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Notice what's being said in verse 25... "See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.". Yahshua warned them when he was on the Earth

standing there with them... and he's now warning us from Heaven where he now sits at the right hand of his Father. And once again we're told that everything here on this earth that we see, feel, hear, touch, taste and smell will be destroyed... and this goes right back to Revelation chapter 21 verse 1-6:

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

And this day my friends... is closer now than when we first believed... even at the door.