

Hebrews
(Lesson 19)

Introduction:

1. The 3rd section of Hebrews (ch.11-13) emphasizes "the superiority of the Christian faith."
 - a. (ch.11) Faith is explained and illustrated.
 - b. (ch.12) God's people are exhorted to persevere by:
 - 1) running the race with "patience" (vs.1-3)
 - 2) enduring God's chastening (vs.4-13)
 - 3) following various instructions that relate to "perseverance" (vs.14-17), including:
 - a) pursuing peace and holiness (vs.14)
 - b) not coming short of God's grace (vs.15a)
 - c) not being troubled and defiled by any root of bitterness (vs.15b)
 - d) not being like Esau (vs.16-17)
 - e) approaching Mount Zion that is superior to Mount Sinai (vs.18-24).
2. (vs.25-29) The Lord's people must not refuse Him who speaks.

Discussion:

- I. (vs.25a) "SEE THAT YE REFUSE NOT HIM THAT SPEAKETH"
 - A. At one time God spoke through Moses, but today He speaks through Christ.
 - B. We learn from Hebrews 3:1-6 that Moses was great, but Christ is far greater.
 - C. Since Christ is so much greater than Moses we must not refuse Him (Colossians 3:16-17).
- II. (vs.25b) THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE HIM (2:1-4; John 12:48)
- III. (vs.26) ONE DAY GOD WILL SPEAK AGAIN
 - A. When He spoke before, the earth shook.
 - B. When He speaks again, the earth and heaven will shake.
 - C. The Lord's voice will be heard when He returns (John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17).
- IV. (vs.27) WHEN GOD SPEAKS AGAIN THOSE THINGS THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN WILL REMAIN WHILE OTHERS WILL BE REMOVED (2 Peter 3:3-10)
- V. (vs.28) ONE THING THAT CANNOT BE MOVED IS GOD'S KINGDOM
 - A. Christians are part of God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13).
 - B. Since God's kingdom is everlasting, those who are in it should be motivated to *"serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear"* (see 2 Peter 3:11-14).
- VI. (vs.29) GOD WILL CONSUME THOSE WHO FAIL TO SERVE HIM FAITHFULLY (10:26-31)