



## **FACING THE FUTURE**

Hebrews 12:25-29

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Quote:

Everything visible and physical is preceded by something invisible and spiritual. So, if you want to deal with the physical, visible problem, you must identify the invisible, spiritual cause. If what you see is all you see, you do not see all there is to be seen!

~ Tony Evans

### **WHY DO WE FACE DISTURBANCES?**

1. God wants us to take His \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:25-26

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Exodus 19:18-19

Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. 19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

God is speaking, inviting, wooing. To \_\_\_\_\_ Him is to \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Timothy 3:1, 5

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come...

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

WHY DO WE FACE DISTURBANCES?

2. God intends to \_\_\_\_\_ character \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in His presence.

Hebrews 12:27

Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Ephesians 5:11-13

11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ from this world.

1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

HOW TO BE PREPARED:

1. See that you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what God \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:25

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks... For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

John 8:47

(Jesus says) Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God.

## HOW TO BE PREPARED:

2. Become \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:28a

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace...

Statement:

Law has its Mount Sinai, but faith has its Mount Zion.

This heavenly mountain symbolizes the combined blessings of grace—all that is ours through the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ!

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

John 1:16

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (MSG)

But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste...

Romans 12:2 (MSG)

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

## HOW TO BE PREPARED:

3. Serve God in \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerity means: The quality of being free from pretense, deceit, or hypocrisy.

Hebrews 12:28b

...by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Joshua 24:14

Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

1 Corinthians 3:13

But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

Conclusion:

Psalm 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Reflection:

1. Consider what is in your life that God is trying to remove...

2. Hear Him today and shift your confidence to the Lord!