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HEBREWS 12:25-29

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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."

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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.

Necessity of FAITH See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.

> HEBREWS 11:6 (NKJV) ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Necessity of FAITH See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.

Foundation of hope — (11:1;
6:12,18,19; Rom 5:1-8; 1 Jn 3:3)

 Trusting whatever the Lord says — (11:2; Rom 3:4; 4:20,21; 10:17)

 Obeying what the LORD says — (11:3-31; Jam 2:14-26; Lk 6:46)

Strengthens our resolve to please
 God — (11:5,6; 32-40; Rom 4:20)

POWER of FAITH since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken

> HEBREWS 12:1 (NKJV) ¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

POWER of FAITH

since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken

 Confidence — Faithfulness is possible / Many examples — (11:13-16, 32-12:1a; Phili 4:6-13)

 Self-Discipline — Removing every hinderance & sin — (12:1b; Col. 3:8; 1 This 5:22; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Eph 6:16)

 Effectual — Running the race set before us with endurance — (11:1c; Rom 12:1,2; Phili 2:12

FOCUS of FAITH let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably

> HEBREWS 12:2 (NKJV) ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

FOCUS of FAITH

let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably

- Looking to Jesus (12:2; Jn 14:6; Phili 3:7-21)
 - The author & finisher of our faith — (2a; 2:10; 10:14)
 - The supreme example (12:3; 1 Pet 2:21-23)

 Strength to overcome adversity — (12:3-11; Rom 8:17-28; Phili 4:13)

DILIGENCE of FAITH let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably

> HEBREWS 12:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

DILIGENCE of FAITH

let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably

- The strong to encourage the weak -(12:12,13; 3:13; 4:1,11; 6:11; 10:24,25; Rom 15:1)
- Pursue Peace & Holiness (or else) (12:14; Rom 12:18; 14:19; Eph 4:1-6; 1 Pet 1:13-16; 2 Pet 3:11-14; 1 Cor 6:9,10; Gal 5:19-21)

 Always be on guard — (12:15-17; 1 Cor 9:24-27; 10:12; Gal 5:1-4)

DILIGENCE of FAITH

let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably

- In brotherly love (13:1; 1 Thes 4:9; etc.)
- Hospitality (13:2; Mt 25:35; 1 Pet 4:9)
- Remembering those who suffer for the gospel (13:3; 10:34; Mt 25:36).
- Must be morally pure (13:4; Ep. 5:5)
- Be content, not covetous (13:5,6)
- Hold to truth / reject error (13:7-9)
 - Continue in worship / sharing (13:10-16)

with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

• We are motivated to diligence by MORE than FEAR — (12:18-24)

 We have come to the 1) heavenly Jerusalem - 2) To an innumerable angelic host - 3) The faithful assembly registered in heaven -

 Into the presence of God, the judge of all, having been justified by the blood of Christ. — (8:6; 9:15)

with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

- We are motivated to diligence by MORE than FEAR (12:18-24)
 - BUT If we reject Jesus, (*Him Who* speaks from heaven), we will not escape the judgment of God (12:25)
 - We have the freedom to choose, but we do not have the freedom NOT TO CHOOSE — (He. 3:7,13; 4:7)

Committing Ourselves To Serving God With REVERENCE & GODLY FEAR HEBREWS 13:20-21 (NKJV) ²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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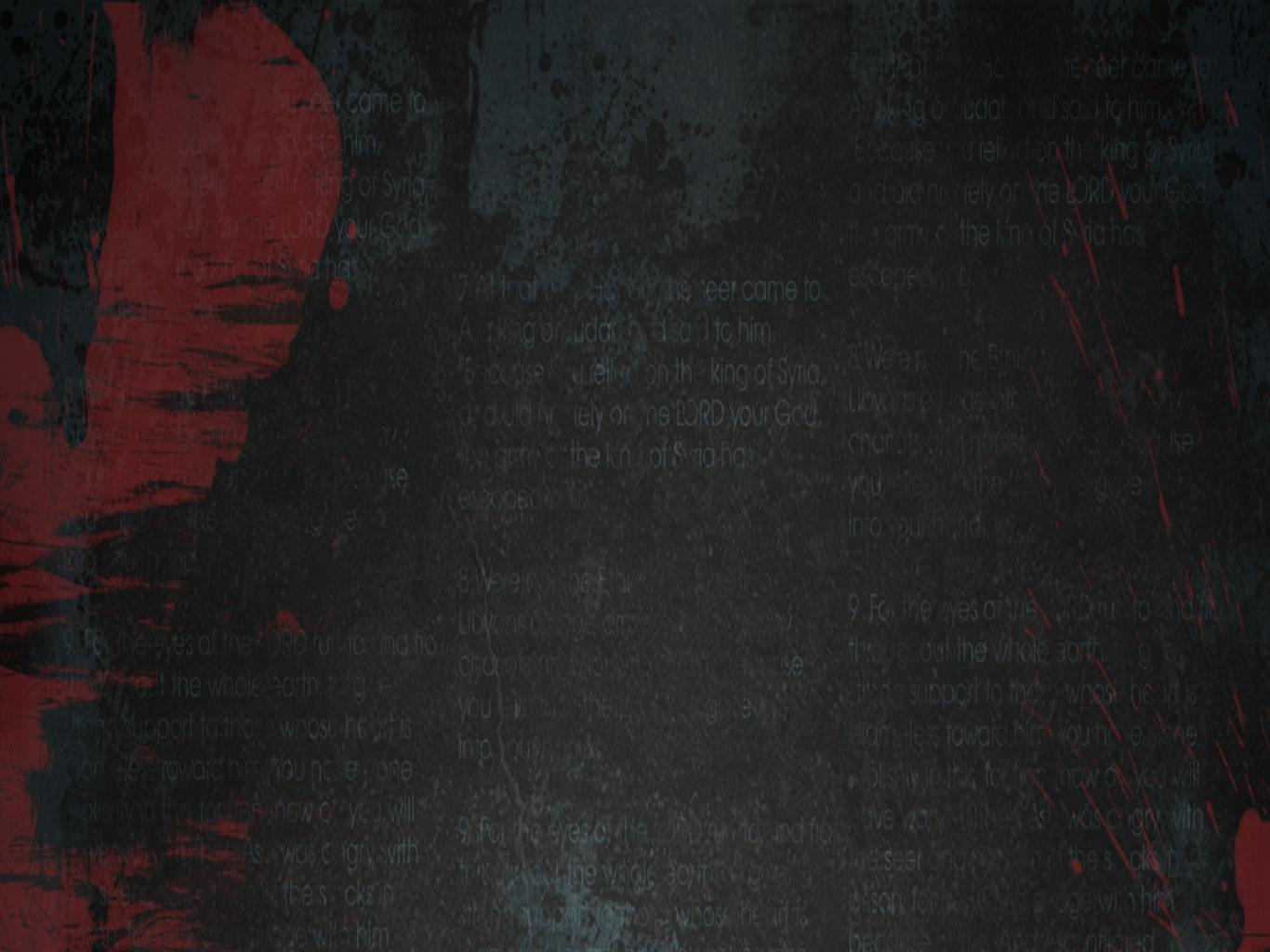
Have You Committed Yourself To Serving God With REVERENCE & GODLY FEAR

- Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? - John 8:24; Rom 10:9,10
- Repent of your sins! Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- Confess Christ Rom 10:9,10
- Be baptized Acts 2:38; Gal 3:26,27; Rom 3:3-6
- Live for Christ who died for you -2 Cor 5:14-17; 1 Cor 15:58

YOUR DESTINY YOUR CHOICE



"Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve" Mat. 16:24-27; 11:28-30; John 8:24; Acts 2:38; 24:24,25; 26:28; 2 Thes. 1:7-9



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Psalm 90:1–17 (NKJV)

A Prayer Of Moses the Man of God. ¹ Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. ³ You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." ⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night. ⁵ You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: ⁶ In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. ⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. ⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. ¹⁰ The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. ¹² So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. ¹³ Return, O Lord! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. ¹⁴ Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! ¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, The years *in which* we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. ¹⁷ And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

JOSHUA 1:1-9 (NKJV)

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: ² "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

JOSHUA 1:1-9 (NKJV)

⁵ No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

JOSHUA 1:1-9 (NKJV)

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."