

Sunday January 27th 2013
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Seventy Three
Study Questions

1). Heb 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*

- a). What are we admonished to do at the beginning of this verse?
- b). What should we keep in mind as we read this?
- c). Where does the theme of God speaking take us back to in our study of

Hebrews?

- d). Which verses did we read in relation to this?
- e). What is God saying in these verses and what does it mean for us?
- f). How does God continue to speak and who does He speak to?
- g). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

2). Read John 16:7 + 13 – Exactly what is said in these verses and what does it mean for us?

- a). So, what has made it possible for us to hear Him who speaks?

- b). Read Ephesians 4:8-13 – What else took place as a result of Christ’s ascension?
- c). What is the purpose of the gifts He gave?
- d). In what sense has He given us ‘watchmen’?
- e). Read Acts 2:42 – How could we relate this verse to our own experience?
- e). What does all of this say to you about the ministry of the Word that we share?
- f). Putting all this together, why should we not turn away from Him who speaks from heaven?

3). Read Jeremiah 6:16-19 – What did God speak to Israel in these verses?

- a). What was Israel’s response
- b). What are the consequences for their response?
- c). How do we see these consequences brought to pass in history?
- d). According to Hebrews 12:25 what are we to learn from Israel’s experience?

4). Read Genesis 26:4, Exodus 3:17, Exodus 4:22 and Exodus 19:4-6 – Exactly what would you say from these scriptures God had said to Israel?

- a). How does God speaking to Israel at Sinai fit in to this overall picture?

b). What does Hebrews Chapter 3 record about Israel's refusal to hear Him?

5). How has God spoken to us by His Son?

a). Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

b). Why do you think that we would 'much more' not escape if we turned away from Him who speaks from heaven?

c). Read Hebrews 1:13 – what does this verse tell us as to why God continues to speak 'from heaven' at present?

6). Read Hebrews 12:26-27 – What is being referenced at the beginning of v26?

a). What do the words 'yet once more' tell us?

b). How does this connect with Hebrews 1:13?

c). Where do we find the prophecy concerning this future shaking?

d). Read Haggai 2:5-9 – What do we find either side of the verses to do with shaking and why do you think it is presented like this?

e). Exactly what does this picture for us?

f). What other pictures of this have we seen in our studies?

g). What does the prophet Joel have to say about this same event?

h). What does the Lord have to say about it and in what context does He say it?

- i). What do the scriptures tell us of the timing for this event?
- j). Where do we need to go for the final piece of this picture?

7). Read Revelation 6:12-17 – Are these verses to be understood literally or figuratively and how would we know?

- a). What do you know about the first 4 seals and the 4 horses and their rider?
- b). Where does the opening of the 6th seal bring us to?
- c). How are we to understand the word translated ‘earthquake’?
- d). What does Genesis Chapter 1 tell us about the imagery of the sun, moon and stars?
- e). What do we see in Genesis Chapter 37 where this same imagery is used?
- f). So, how should we understand the sun, moon and stars in Revelation Chapter 6?
- g). How should we understand ‘the Sun of Righteousness in Malachi Chapter 4?
- h). Any final thoughts?