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Message Info

Title:

A Temporary House for
an Unshakeable

Mission

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Hebrews 12:28-29

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Theme: We build a temporary house for now because we have an unshakeable kingdom forever.

Introduction: Oftentimes in life it can be challenging to connect abstract truths to our everyday living; but the great truths of our faith are meant to affect us in all that we do. Ordinary, tangible things point to greater supernatural realities.

Here are two ways that we can connect our ordinary, tangible Building Fund to greater, spiritual truths:

1. We've been given the unshakeable

The old covenant was much more sensory—it was loaded with things to see, smell and touch. But that covenant was also temporary and thus, shakeable. It did not endure.

The new covenant realities we experience (Heb 12:22-29), by contrast, are unshakeable and enduring.

Everything in this age can be taken away; but as God's kingdom has broken into this age and we have become participants in it, we have an inheritance that is sure and secure.

2. The temporal and the good

The physical and the spiritual are connected, and God cares about both (1 Cor 6:19-20). It won't do to despise one or the other.

Our physical church building is also connected to spiritual realities, which we can see as we consider 3 metaphors that apply to it.

Our building is a: 1) meeting house, where we gather as family; 2) tool, which we use for discipleship and outreach; and, 3) outpost, which serves as a base of operations in enemy territory.

It also allows us to meet together (Heb 10:23-25), even during times of crisis such as we've experienced with Covid-19. God's commands to his people are unchanged, even as we navigate new challenges.

Questions:

1. What is the basis of your faith in Christ?
2. Are you placing your hopes in things that can be shaken/taken away?
3. How is God calling you to place your hope more and more in what is unshakeable?