

## HEBREWS: Better Than – Living the Upgrade!

Message: HOW TO BE UNSHAKABLE

Heritage Church, Van Buren, AR – March 15, 2026

Text: Hebrews 12:18-29

### 1. CHOOSE THE BETTER MOUNTAIN.

**Hebrews 12:18–24** <sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what could be touched (Mt. Sinai, Exodus 19), to a blazing fire, to darkness, gloom, and storm, <sup>19</sup> to the blast of a trumpet, and the sound of words. Those who heard it **begged that not another word be spoken** to them, <sup>20</sup> for they could not bear what was commanded: If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned. <sup>21</sup> The appearance was so terrifying that **Moses** said, I am **terrified and trembling**. <sup>22</sup> Instead, you have come to **Mount Zion**, to the city of the living God (the heavenly Jerusalem), to myriads of angels, a festive (joyful celebration) gathering, <sup>23</sup> to the assembly of the firstborn whose names have been written in heaven, to a Judge, who is God of all, to the spirits of righteous people made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a **new covenant**, and to the sprinkled blood, which says **better things** than the blood of Abel.

**Hebrews 11:1:** 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.'

### 2. RECEIVE THE UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM.

**Hebrews 12:25–28** <sup>25</sup> See to it that you **do not reject the one who speaks**. For if they did not escape when they rejected him who **warned** them on earth, even less will we if we turn away from him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup> **His voice shook the earth** at that time, but now he has promised, Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. <sup>27</sup> This expression, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what can be shaken — that is, created things — so that what is not shaken might remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

When God shakes the heavens and the earth, the kingdom of Christ will be the only thing left standing.

This is the great 'upgrade' toward which the whole series has been pointing — **citizenship in an unshakable eternal Kingdom**.

**"Christ is the Son of God who died for the redemption of sinners and resurrected after three days. This is the greatest truth in the universe. I die because of my belief in Christ."** — Watchman Nee.

### 3. WORSHIP GOD WITH GRATITUDE, REVERENCE AND AWE!

**Hebrews 12:28–29** <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us hold on to **grace (gratitude)**. **By it, we may serve (worship) God acceptably** (well-pleasing), **with reverence and awe**, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a **consuming fire** (see Deut. 4:24).

**"We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed."** – Brother Lawrence

Point: Brother Lawrence found Zion in the kitchen.

**The upgrade of all upgrades:** a **better standing** (Zion, not Sinai), a **better Kingdom** (unshakable, not temporary), a **better worship** (reverence and awe fueled by grace/gratitude, not terror).

**Don't treat as ordinary what angels celebrate as extraordinary.**

**NEXT STEP:** Turn one ordinary daily activity this week into a deliberate, spoken act of worship.