

## Sovereign Grace Church

### *“Realityquake” outline*

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#### Hebrews 12: 25-29

*Anyone who has lived in California for any length of time has experienced an earthquake. For a Midwesterner, earthquakes are unnerving. We are used to depending on the ground staying under foot. When it doesn't the fear factor is combined with a quickly revised world view which conveys the notion that the ground indeed CAN move....and move with VIGOR! Earthquakes for the Midwesterner are a kind of Realityquake. Realityquakes are what happens when a firmly grounded assumption that one has based their life upon suddenly proves FALSE!*

*The biggest realityquake has not yet occurred. But the Bible has forewarned us ahead of time. Unfortunately, many people don't take the Bible as knowledge....so they don't pay it much attention. That too, in time, will prove to be a major realityquake for these people. For there will come a time when the ultimate Reality, the True God, will re-visit His creation in the Person of Jesus Christ and “re-set” Creation to His perfect standards. This will not prove pleasant for those who have denied His existence and His Word!*

*This morning's passage speaks of this upcoming Realityquake as an encouragement to ground our lives on the truth of God's existence and His promises, and not on the very dangerous supposition that we are, despite all the evidence to the contrary, somehow actually in control of our own lives.*

**1. The Warning v.25a**  
Matt. 13: 14-15

**2. The Shaking vv. 25b-27**

- **If there was no escape at Sinai v. 25b**  
Ex. 19: 18
  
- **Then there will surely be no escape from Heaven! vv. 25c-26**  
II Cor. 3: 6-8

- **Purpose of the Coming Shaking v. 27**  
Hag. 2: 6-7; I Cor. 3: 1-15

### 3. The Reality vv. 28-29

- **A Real Kingdom Dan. 2: 44**
- **A Real Response Col. 1: 12-13**
- **A Real God v. 29**

### Questions for Conversation and Discussion

1. **How will you survive this upcoming Realityquake? What about your life, character, motives and acts, will survive unto eternity? Will YOU?!**
2. **Do you find the writers' argument from the lesser (voice at Sinai) to the greater (voice from Heaven) persuasive? Do you think you would find it persuasive if an hour from now mean men with guns and gruff voices showed up to execute everyone if they didn't repent of their commitment to Christ?! How does this possible but unlikely scenario demonstrate the need to cultivate commitment to & fellowship with Christ in the small things of life, if we expect to stand for Him in the big things?**
3. **How do you reconcile Heb. 12: 29 with Matt. 11: 28? What is the significance of Heb. 12: 29 for the believer in Christ? What is its significance for the believer tempted to turn away from Christ for fear of persecution?**
4. **What is the danger point when flammable material and oxygen intermix? What is the "flashpoint" that results in God being a "consuming fire." (See Genesis 2: 16-17) Does it follow from this that followers of Christ are "cool"?!?**