



[Hebrews 12:25-29](#)

(25) Beware that you do not refuse to *hear* Him Who is speaking! For if they did not escape *judgment*, who refused *to hear* the One Who was on the earth divinely instructing *them*, how much more *severely will we be judged*, if we ourselves apostatize from Him Who speaks from heaven; (26) Whose voice then shook the earth, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but heaven also." (27) Now the *words* "once more" signify the removing of the *things* being shaken, as of things that were made, so that those *things* which cannot be shaken may remain. (28) Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, through which we may serve God in a pleasing *manner* with reverence and awe; (29) For our God *is* indeed a consuming fire.

A Faithful Version

Listen! Hear Him! Believe what He says!

The author of Hebrews has presented us with the facts that [Christ](#) is greater than angels, greater than [Moses](#) and greater than Aaron; that the New Covenant is superior in every way to the Old Covenant. He addresses this presentation to Christians who stand, not before a physical mountain in the Sinai, but a spiritual Mount Zion in heaven. Nevertheless, we still have the potential to refuse to hear, even as the Israelites who had just come out of Egypt did not hear. Now, they knew—*they knew*—that it was the voice of [God](#) that they heard, and they refused to hear because they believed they could not endure what He commanded!

Do we see the parallel?

It is possible for Christians to cherish their own will—which they know to be diametrically opposed to the will and purpose of God—and to stick to their own desires, thus stifling the voice of the Almighty God Himself! And thus, we can wrench ourselves away from the voice because we feel uncomfortable going against our resolve.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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