

Day 12

The Unshakable Kingdom

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”
Hebrews 12:28-29*

For many years, those who treasure Christmas have complained about how much this holy day has become commercialized. In recent years, attacks on Christmas have become quite open. But if Christmas is no more than an excuse for retailers to make money, then there really is nothing special about the day. If Christians close their church doors when Christmas falls on Sunday, how can we expect society to revere the holy day? If treasured celebrations like Christmas can be torn down with impunity, then perhaps nothing is sacred and even Christianity itself is under attack.

People around the world celebrate Christmas differently from country to country, city to city, even house to house. Some put up trees, some put up wreaths, some eat cinnamon buns and some hang stockings, some put out shoes, some go to a lot of parties and some go to church. No matter how we celebrate Christmas, Christmas itself doesn't change. God will always be the same. He will always love us. He sent His son to earth to save us.

Jesus assures us that His kingdom cannot be shaken even though the heavens and the earth will all be destroyed. It's this unshakable kingdom that Jesus promises to give to His faithful people. Although we do not yet enjoy this kingdom in all its fullness, we still live under Christ's rule and trust that anything we now lack He will surely provide in due time. This is why the coming Christmas celebration is a remarkable day for giving thanks to God, and worships Him with reverence and awe. He provides all we really need.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I worship you with deep respect and wonder. May my celebration of Christmas be all about you. Thank you for sending your son. Amen.

Ponder

God is constant like a star and His kingdom is unshakable. How can you experience his unshakable kingdom this year?

Worship Video

Unshakeable

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbFVSWnKBq0>

Christmas Story

[Luke 1:46-56](#)

Mary's Song

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Bible Verse

[Luke 1:46-47](#)

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