

**Gawler Baptist Church**  
***A Pilgrim People***  
**Term 2, 2010**  
**Study 11—Hebrews 12:25-29**

Read the passage and share your first response with one another.

This passage again looks back to the voice which the people of Israel heard as they stood at the base of Mt Sinai. The voice was such that it caused the earth to quake. The quaking earth at Sinai is now replaced with something even more tumultuous: the heavens themselves will be shaken or quake.

### **Verses 25-27**

- Who is the “him who speaks” we should listen to [25]?
- What is the warning from earth referring to?
- What is the warning from heaven referring to?
- In what sense is this passage both promise and warning?
- Verse 27 refers to what can be shaken and what cannot be shaken. What are these things?

### **Verses 28-29**

- In what sense do these verses give us a true picture of God and of ourselves in relation to him?
- What picture of God do you gain from these verses? How does that compare to the picture of God you may find in the church today (generally speaking)?
- These verses again remind us of God’s holiness. What is your understanding of God’s holiness? On what basis are we able to relate to him as a holy God?
- When the writer mentions the kingdom in verse 28 he speaks in the present tense i.e. we *are* receiving it (as opposed to we *have* received it or we *will* receive it). What is the significance of the tense and what does it tell us about our relationship with God’s kingdom here and now?
- To worship God acceptably is to do so with reverence and awe. How do we do that?