

## **Do Not Refuse Him Who Speaks**

While comparing and contrasting the Old Testament with the New, the Hebrew writer said, "See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven" (Heb. 12:25). We will make two points.

1. Those of old testament times listened to "Him who spoke on earth," but we are to listen to "Him who speaks from heaven." We are not under the Law of Moses, but the covenant of Christ (2 Cor. 3:3-14). "Hear Him!" (Matt. 17:5).

2. None of us will escape punishment for refusing to listen to "Him who speaks from heaven." Therefore, we must "serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 10:28-29). The people under the covenant of Moses were held accountable for their transgressions (Heb. 10:28). Those who reject Christ's law will also be held accountable on the day of judgment (2 Cor. 5:10). Therefore, "do not refuse Him who speaks from heaven."

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