

Bay City Wesleyan Church
April 26, 2020

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Sunday Morning 04-26-2020 ONLINE

We are champions of hope on a mission with the Holy Spirit. We are convinced that since Jesus took the worst this broken world could dish out and overcame it all, he can help anyone, anywhere make it through any day.

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Micah 4:1-3 NIRV

<small>1</small> In the last days the mountain where the Lord's temple is located will be famous. It will be the highest mountain of all. It will be lifted up above the hills. And nations will go to it. <small>2</small> People from many nations will go there. They will say, "Come, let us go up to the Lord's mountain. Let's go to the temple of Jacob's God. He will teach us how we should live. Then we will live the way he wants us to." The law of the Lord will be taught at Zion. His message will go out from Jerusalem. <small>3</small> He will judge between people from many nations. He'll settle problems among strong nations everywhere. They will hammer their swords into plows. They'll hammer their spears into pruning tools. Nations will not go to war against one another. They won't even train to fight anymore.

<https://bible.com/bible/110/mic.4.1-3.NIRV>

For the next three weekends, the invitation to go up to the mountain of the Lord will provide the backdrop for the messages.

We highly value stability, security, and safety. We essentially worship anything and anyone that provides these for us. We feel safe, secure, and stable as long as we can see and feel the things that promise to give them.

When our world shakes, where can we find unshakable hope?

Hebrews 1:1-3 NIRV

<small>1</small> In the past, God spoke to our people through the prophets. He spoke at many times. He spoke in

different ways. 2</small> But in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. He is the one whom God appointed to receive all things. God also made everything through him. 3</small> The Son is the shining brightness of God's glory. He is the exact likeness of God's being. He uses his powerful word to hold all things together. He provided the way for people to be made pure from sin. Then he sat down at the right hand of the King, the Majesty in heaven.
<https://bible.com/bible/110/heb.1.1-3.NIRV>

Hebrews 12:18-29 NIRV

18</small> You haven't come to a mountain that can be touched. You haven't come to a mountain burning with fire. You haven't come to darkness, gloom and storm. 19</small> You haven't come to a blast from God's trumpet. You haven't come to a voice speaking to you. When people heard that voice long ago, they begged it not to say anything more to them. 20</small> What God commanded was too much for them. He said, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be killed with stones." (Exodus 19:12 , 13) 21</small> The sight was terrifying. Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." (Deuteronomy 9:19) 22</small> But you have come to Mount Zion. You have come to the city of the living God. This is the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to a joyful gathering of angels. There are thousands and thousands of them. 23</small> You have come to the church of God's people. God's first and only Son is over all things. God's people share in what belongs to his Son. Their names are written in heaven. You have come to God, who is the Judge of all people. You have come to the spirits of godly people who have been made perfect. 24</small> You have come to Jesus. He is the go-between of a new covenant. You have come to the sprinkled blood. It promises better things than the blood of Abel. 25</small> Be sure that you don't say no to the one who speaks. People did not escape when they said no to the one who warned them on earth. And what if we turn away from the one who warns us from heaven? How much less will we escape! 26</small> At that time his voice shook the earth. But now he has promised, "Once more I will shake the earth. I will also shake the heavens." (Haggai 2:6) 27</small> The words "once more" point out that what can be shaken can be taken away. I'm talking about created things. Then what can't be shaken will remain. 28</small> We are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken. So let us be thankful. Then we can worship God in a way that pleases him. Let us worship him with deep respect and wonder. 29</small> Our God is like a fire that burns everything up." (Deuteronomy 4:24)
<https://bible.com/bible/110/heb.12.18-29.NIRV>

When our world shakes, where can we find unshakable hope?
The writer of Hebrews proclaims, "We are receiving God's unshakeable Kingdom right here, right now."

Weâ€™ve been reminded that church buildings provide a gathering place for us, but we cannot cling to them. Theyâ€™re important but not essential.

We must release the temporary sources of security to receive Godâ€™s unshakeable Kingdom.

How are you doing with releasing the things that failed to give you security?

Sermon in a Sentence:

Right here, right now, we receive Godâ€™s unshakable Kingdom.

We fall for the false idea that Godâ€™s Kingdom will come in the future â€” usually in the distant future. But we receive his unshakable Kingdom right here, right now. We long and pray for its full arrival but we can live in its increasing blessings.

Take time to pray right here, right now so you can release your temporary sources of security and receive Godâ€™s unshakeable Kingdom.

YouTube Playlist â€” â€”Release and Receiveâ€”

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8RzHK3WLZ_Rk8aopBBaE0zl-VJAsLbf5

Spotify Playlist â€” â€”Just You, Lordâ€”

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2Mk7D7B8yHolceCLjPVVtn?si=LIMErp4fRTCbSxBDPoYWbw>