

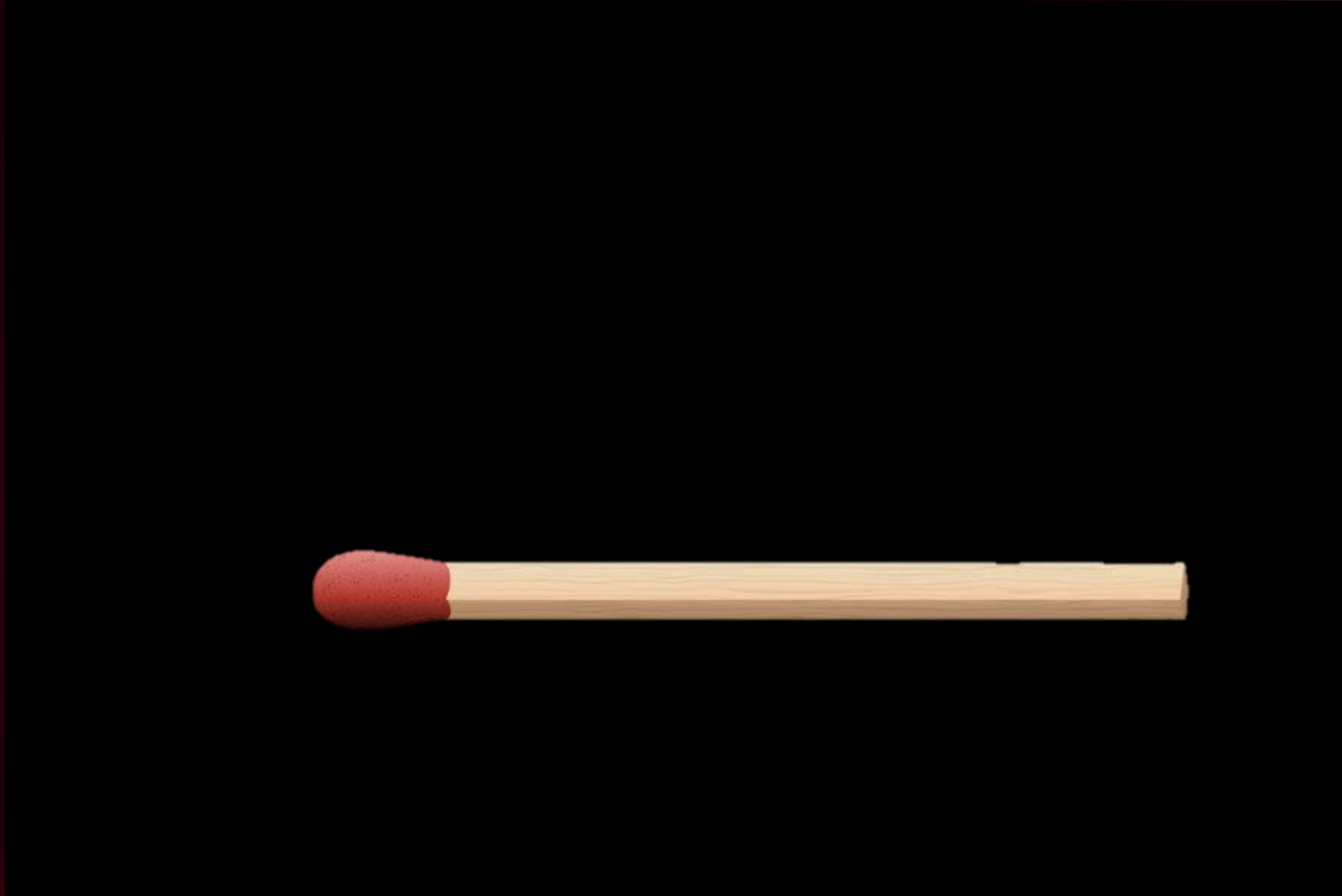


Numbers 6:24-26

"May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace."





***What helps this little
fire of mine **burn**?***





*Find the
BIGGER fire
in our lives*

***Hebrews 11* Faith Defined**
***Hebrews 12* Faith Developed**

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“MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD,

NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

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⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father

does not discipline? ⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are

illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them;

shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time

as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. ¹¹ All discipline

for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields

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Hebrews 12:4-6

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¹¹ My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD
or loathe His reproof,
¹² For whom the LORD loves He reproofs,
Even as a father *corrects* the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:11-12

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“DISCIPLINE”

Not Punishment **BUT Correction.**
It is about suffering **FOR our faith.**

WHY?

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THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

I. The Free WILL of man

James 4:6

... “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Proverbs 16:7

When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

II. The LAWS and PRINCIPLES OF LIFE for man on earth

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1 King 11: 3

He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

2 Tim 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

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A person is standing in a field, looking towards a large, semi-transparent grey rectangle that covers the center of the image. The person is seen from behind, wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans. The background is a grassy field with some trees in the distance.

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How can we strengthen ourselves?

Hebrews 12:12-13

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Why do “bad things” happen to good people?

- i. **Refines** our character
- ii. **Reality** of life: not always fine/fair
- iii. **Rely** on God: we are not in control
- iv. **Reconcile** others to the fact that God is always good
- v. Bring others **relief**
- vi. **Realise** the will of God
- vii. **Recognise** that we are blessed even in times of discipline/trial

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1 Pet 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials (**discipline**),
7 so that the proof of your faith (**embraced discipline**), being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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1. The outcome of *strengthening* and *straightening* will help us to be healed.
2. It requires us to rely on God.
3. Do not allow the past to affect us further or hurt us i.e. *be put out of joint*

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Do the **RIGHT** thing. Do not compromise this.

Prayer life

Word life

Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise & Worship

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A dark, grayscale image showing the silhouettes of several people running a race. The runners are in various stages of their stride, with some in the foreground and others further back. The background is a light, hazy sky. The overall mood is one of motion and competition.

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Is this even possible?

Hebrews 12:14-15

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¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12:17-19

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SANCTIFICATION

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Not just the physical act of seeing but the Realisation or Revelation in their hearts

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- i. **Due to the absence of peace**
- ii. **No sanctification = bitterness**
- iii. **Self-inflicted wounds due to ego**

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Hebrews 12:16-17

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An Alpha male A great hunter In the prime of life Endowed with strength & skill Renowned lineage	Godless Heart is far from God Has no regard for who God is

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How we relate to and value certain things

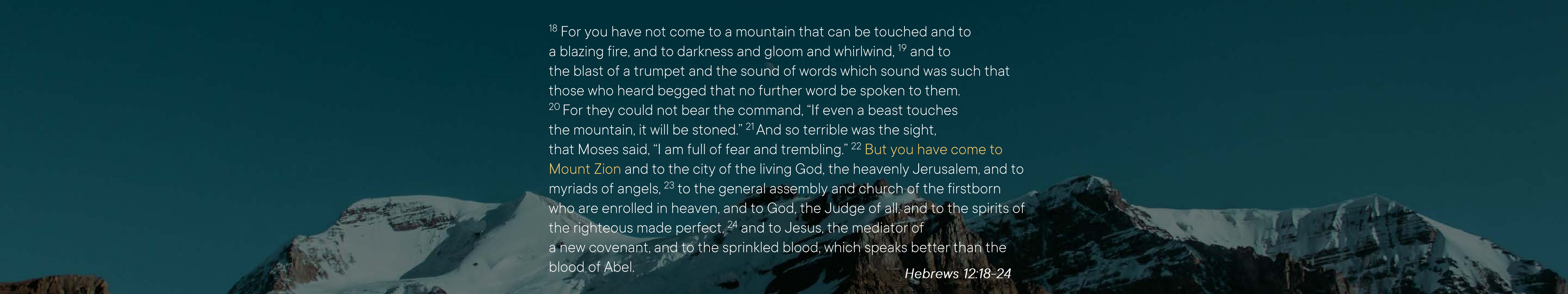
reflect our worship of God.

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¹⁸ For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, ¹⁹ and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not bear the command, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned.” ²¹ And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, “I am full of fear and trembling.” ²² **But you have come to Mount Zion** and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

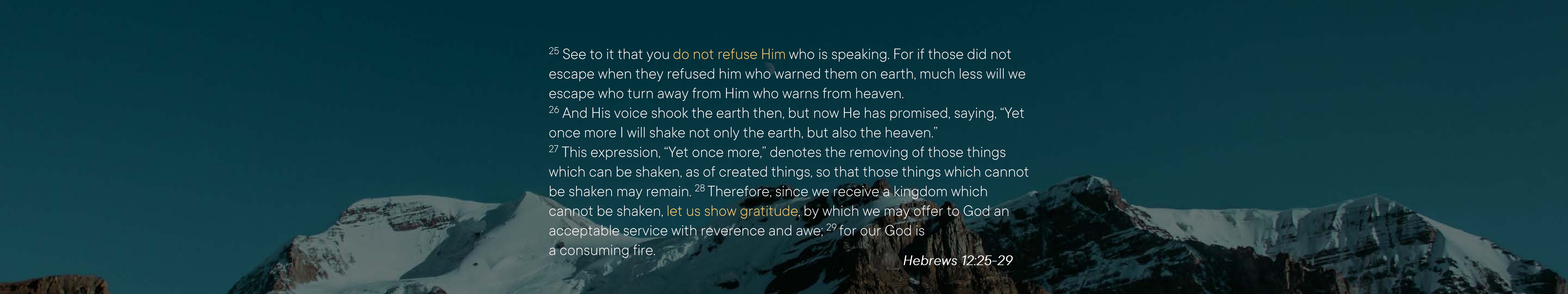
Hebrews 12:18-24



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V18 cannot be touched and to a blazing fire .. to darkness and gloom and whirlwind	v22 city of the living God , the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,
v19 to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them.	v23 the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
v20 could not bear the command, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned. ”	v24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
v21 Moses said, “I am full of fear and trembling. ”	V24 and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Blood of Abel	Blood of Jesus
Innocent blood	Innocent blood
Murdered by brother	Murdered by brothers
Cried out to God	Cried out to God
Sinner	Sinless
Not by choice	By Choice

Vengeance!	Forgiveness
Justice!	Mercy
Unfair!	*Paid in Full



²⁵ See to it that you **do not refuse Him** who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.

²⁶ And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.”

²⁷ This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, **let us show gratitude**, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:25-29

THEY	YOU
Refused him	Do not refuse Him
Warned them from earth	Warns us from Heaven
Did not escape	Much less to escape

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Malachi 3:2-3

2 “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. 3 He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness.