

Text: Hebrews 12:25-29
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The Sum of All Fears

A WARNING...

- Be warned of ignoring God's voice (25-27)

AN ENCOURAGEMENT...

- Live with a heart of thanksgiving understanding the holiness of God (28-29)

Thoughts for Worship:

- Stand firm and immovable as an anvil when it is beaten upon. It is the part of a brave combatant to be wounded, and yet to overcome. But especially we ought to endure all things for God's sake, that He may bear with us. Be every day better; consider the times; expect Him, who is above all time, eternal; invisible, though, for our sakes, made visible; impalpable and impassible, yet for us subjected to sufferings, enduring all things for our salvation. – **Ignatius**
- Christ willed to become what man is, in order that man might become what Christ is. – **Cyprian**
- Miserable are those who measure the authority of a doctrine by the numbers receiving it. Truth always overcomes, though for a time it is found among the few. He who, for proof, betakes himself to numbers, confesses himself conquered. Let me see the beauty of truth, and immediately I am persuaded. A multitude may overawe, but cannot persuade. How many myriads could persuade me to believe that day is night, that poison is food? In determining earthly things we do not regard numbers, shall we do so in heavenly things? I reverence numbers; but only when they produce proof, not when they shun inquiry. Can you confirm a lie by numbers? – **Athanasius**
- Sweet Savior! should any of Thy servants love Thee better than I? Should any of Thy disciples be more obedient than I? No, Lord; for none of Thine are so much indebted to Thy passion, because none had so many sins to be forgiven. How amiable are Thy commandments, O Lord of hosts! My soul thirsteth to be the nearest of them that stand before the living God. Lord, let me love Thee as Peter did; Lord, let me love Thee more than these. – **Jeremy Taylor**
- I found it was no easy thing to part with sin; and the impression on my spirit was that of my utter inability to put away sin. And I think I never had a more solid sense of the absolute need of Christ for sanctification. I saw it was as easy for a rock to raise itself, as for me to raise my heart from sin to holiness. – **Thomas Boston**