

# Jesus: God’s Final Word

## *The Worship God Accepts*

Hebrews 12:25-29

### Context – The Last Warning:

God has \_\_\_\_\_ from both mountains ...

He reveals His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Sinai and His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Zion.

If God judged unbelieving Israel then for rejecting His revelation from \_\_\_\_\_, how much more will He judge unbelievers now who reject His revelation from \_\_\_\_\_?

One mountain speaks the language of \_\_\_\_\_. The other, the language of \_\_\_\_\_. There is no remedy or recourse for rejecting the latter.

“... **how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?**” (Heb. 2:3)

And know this: He who once “shook the earth” with His presence will do so again. (See: 2 Peter 3:10-14)

\_\_\_\_\_ is coming.

<sup>6</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup> And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. (Haggai 2:6-7)

When He does shake this world, which \_\_\_\_\_ will you be a part of?

### And what do God’s people do?

In \_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_, and out of that new \_\_\_\_\_, we worship.

### But wait ... There’s such a thing as “unacceptable worship”?

There are two ways to commit idolatry:

- 1) Worship something or someone \_\_\_\_\_ the true God.
- 2) Worship God in the \_\_\_\_\_.

3 examples:

*“strange fire” ...*

*A golden calf ...*

*A foreign mountain ...*

### Acceptable Worship ...

... is a right \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the God we worship.

Therefore, it must be \_\_\_\_\_. God gets to decide \_\_\_\_\_ He is worshiped.

We should ...

\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.

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And when we leave our time of corporate worship, we should \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.

### Our God is a consuming fire *and why that matters so much:*

### Quarterly Member Meeting

Wednesday, December 1 | 6pm | Sanctuary

The elders will be presenting the church budget proposal for 2022. Discussion will be allowed so take a look at the budget that you should have received in your email and come prepared to ask questions. If you did not receive the budget, contact the church office and one will be provided for you.

### Toy Drive

WE’RE EXCITED TO HOST A TOY DRIVE from now through Sunday, December 12 to benefit children and families of Girard Primary and Intermediate Schools. If you’re interested in donating toys, check out our Amazon Wishlist. Items purchased on Amazon will be shipped directly to our church office. If you choose to bring in a donation, drop it off with us at the Children’s Building. Visit calvarydothan.com and click on “Toy Drive” to be taken directly to the Amazon Wishlist.

### EPIC Christmas Cookie Party

So, what exactly makes this cookie party EPIC you ask? It’s simple, dozens, dozens, and more dozens of HOME-BAKED goodies! Each year, we at Calvary Kids throw this Christmas party for our Life Group leaders and kids, and we appeal to all our church families’ kitchens to bring us some delicious, home-baked goodies. If you’re interested in baking and providing goodies for the party, here’s how....

- Simply bring your goodies to the Children’s Building on Sunday, December 5 and drop them off with us at any time between 8:00am and 9:00am.

### Christmas at Calvary

**Christmas at The Ark** | Thursday, December 2 | 6-7:30pm

Join other members of your Life Group for this special time of fellowship, fun, and sharing Christmas cheer with the residents of The Ark this Christmas.

**Breakfast in Bethlehem** | Saturday, December 4 | 9:30-11:30am | Fellowship Center

A preschool family event for ages 3 (by 9/1/21) through Kindergarten Please bring a canned food for admittance to donate to the SABA Ministry Center. Childcare for siblings 2 and under is available by reservation. Contact Joyce Alexander, 334-792-5159 or joyce@calvarydothan.com.

**Deacon/Widows Lunch** | Sunday, December 5 | Immediately following Worship RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 29. Joe McKeever will be the guest speaker. A native of Alabama and the son of a coal miner, Joe McKeever has been saved since 1951, been preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ since 1961, and has been writing and cartooning for religious publications since the mid-1960s. He put in 42 years pastoring six Southern Baptist Churches followed by 5 years as director of missions for the SBC churches of metro New Orleans, retiring in 2009. For over 15 years, Joe has drawn a daily cartoon for the Baptist Press (www.bpnews.net/comics). He writes a column on “My Favorite Deacon” for each issue of Lifeway’s Deacon Magazine, blogs almost daily for church leaders at joemckeever.com, and has published numerous books of his cartoons and seven ministry books.

**Preschool, Children & Student Christmas Parties** | Wednesday, December 8 | 6pm

These parties will take place on campus while the adults are caroling.

**Caroling Around Calvary** | Wednesday, December 8 | 6pm

Adults will meet in the Fellowship Center and go out caroling in groups on the church buses.

**Recharge: Parents Night Out** | Friday, Deember 10 | 6-9pm | Gym & Preschool Building

Bring your kids for a night of fun Christmas activities while you have a night out! Cost is \$5 per child with a family max of \$20.

**Harbor Serve Day** | Saturday, December 11 | 7:30am | The Harbor Church

Join other volunteers at The Harbor Church to serve breakfast, assist with stocking and organizing the clothing closet, food pantry, and hygiene pantry, or participate in the street ministry.

**Family Fun Night** | Wednesday, December 15 | 6-7pm | Fellowship Center

Create Christmas memories together with your family.

**Senior Adult Midmonth Worship** | Thursday, December 16 | 11am | Sanctuary

Lunch in the Fellowship Center will immediately follow the service.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** | Friday, December 24 | 5pm | Fellowship Center

Josh Buice, Pastor of Pray’s Mill Baptist Church writes,

“At the end of the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, the writer makes a very important statement about worship. In the chapter, he had already pointed out that the readers had been welcomed to draw near to God—unlike what happened at Mt. Sinai where they trembled in fear. Unlike that scene, according to the writer of Hebrews:

*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel (Heb. 12:22-24).*

At the end of this section on the Kingdom that will not be shaken—the writer to the Hebrews writes:

*Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:28-29).*

... As it pertains to how we worship God and why we design our services in a specific way—does God really care? Is it really that important that our worship services be designed in a specific manner? Who makes that decision? Does the Bible say anything about such choices? The answer to those questions is certainly addressed by Hebrews 12:28-29.

In Hebrews 12:28, the key word is “acceptable”, and we must not overlook it. The term “εὐαρέστως”, which is translated *acceptable*, means “in an acceptable manner.” Therefore, it’s clear that there is a such thing as *unacceptable* worship and for that very reason, we must reject the idea that anything goes when it comes to the way we approach God in worship. So, where do we go from this point to find the boundaries and to understand what is and isn’t acceptable?

We must read the Bible and learn what God accepts and what God rejects as it pertains to worship. Just as we don’t have a book and a chapter in the Bible that provides for us a systematic explanation of the Trinity—we derive the foundational Christian doctrine from the whole of Scripture. As it pertains to how we should worship God—we must derive such knowledge from the Scriptures.

... All through the Scriptures, it’s plain and obvious that God cares about how we worship him. If the angels who have never sinned fly around the throne room of God with a set of wings that are used to shield their faces from the burning holiness of God — it would seem clear from Hebrews 12:29 that we must be cautious as to how we approach God in worship. Offering up strange fire to God was not permissible in days past (Lev. 10), and it’s still not permissible in our present day.”

In today’s message, we’ll carefully consider ***The Worship that God Accepts*** knowing that worship is of utmost importance *to* God and *for us*, and also knowing that God does care *how* we worship Him.

### I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

#### My Decision Today:

- I trusted Jesus as Savior.
- I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.
- I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.
- Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pastors & Prayer Team Only

- Churchwide

## Connect Card

November 28, 2021

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Guest
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male  Female

Married  Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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*Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.*

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### I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

### How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to [calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/](http://calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://calvarydothan.com/podcast) or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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### FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

November 21

Life Groups: 498  
10:00 Worship: 552  
Hispanic Church: 115  
Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given November 21: \$51,498  
Jan.-Oct. Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): (\$74,938.66)

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, November 28:

1 Kgs 21, 1 Thes 4, Dn 3, Ps 107

Monday, November 29:

1 Kgs 22, 1 Thes 5, Dn 4, Ps 108-109

Tuesday, November 30:

2 Kgs 1, 2 Thes 1, Dn 5, Ps 110-111

Wednesday, December 1:

2 Kgs 2, 2 Thes 2, Dn 6, Ps 112-113

Thursday, December 2:

2 Kgs 3, 2 Thes 3, Dn 7, Ps 114-115

Friday, December 3:

2 Kgs 4, 1 Tim 1, Dn 8, Ps 116

Saturday, December 4:

2 Kgs 5, 1 Tim 2, Dn 9, Ps 117-118

### Midweek Schedule

5:30pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building  
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC  
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

7:00pm Adult Choir

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to [calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline](http://calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline).
- On Sundays, drop in the offering plate or in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor  
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship  
Tommy Perry.....Community

### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, November 28:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, December 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, December 5:

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### SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 1 | 6:00pm

Genesis: Where Grace Begins

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, December 5 | 10:00am

Jesus: God's Final Word

A Life of Worship

Hebrews 13:1-6

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, December 8 | 6:00pm

Caroling Around Calvary

Adults Meet in the Fellowship Center

Preschool, Children & Student Christmas

Parties will be on campus

Sunday, December 12 | 10:00am

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What Are Pastors For?

Hebrews 13:7-14, 17

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30am Life Group

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

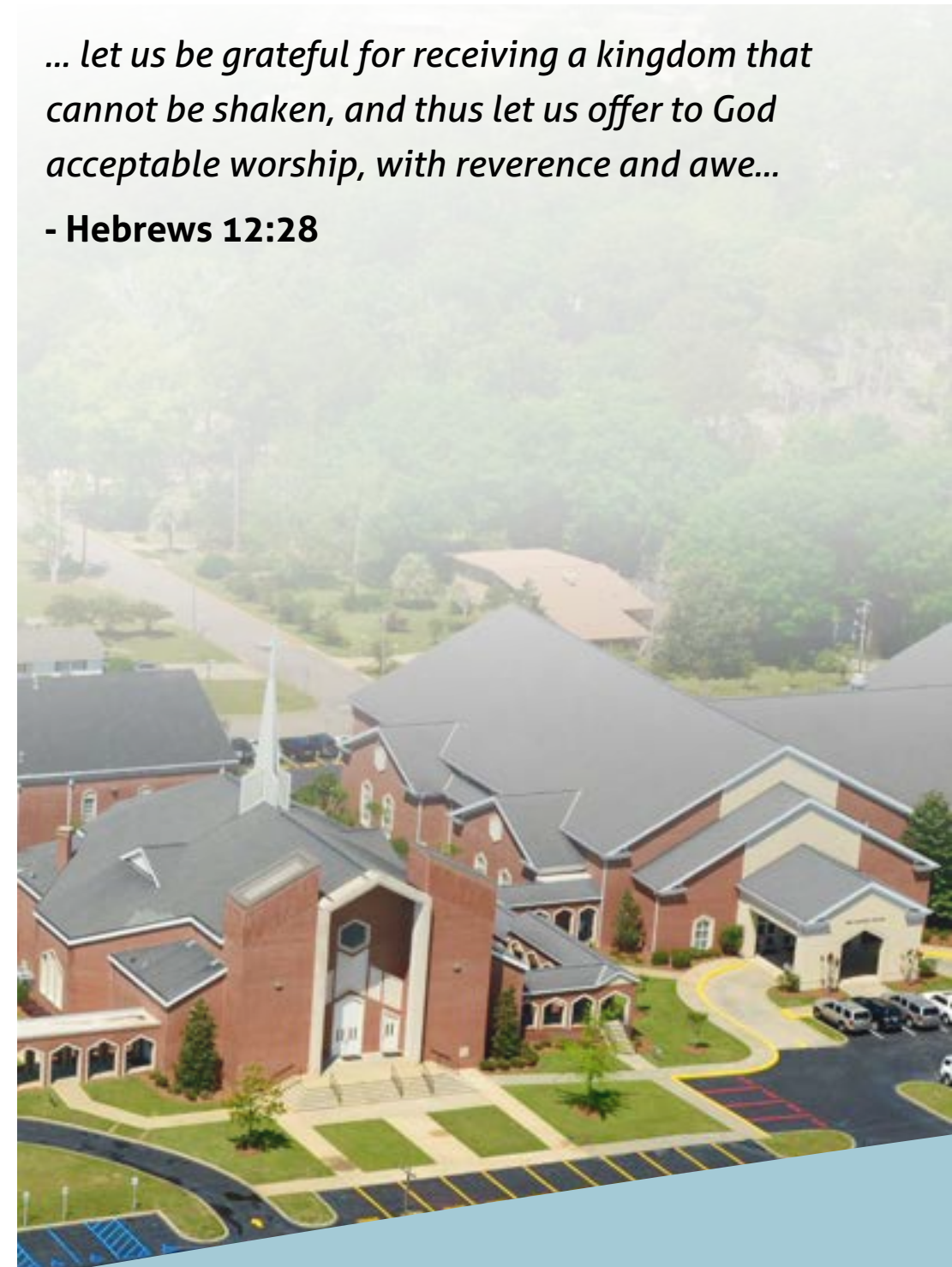
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

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- Hebrews 12:28



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