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Heb. 12:28-29 *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”* (NIV)

When we think of things to thank the LORD for, this is one that I think we often overlook. Just compare for a moment, the contrast between the world around us, which is shaky and fragile, and the kingdom of Jesus Christ, which will never be shaken. We can rely on this kingdom because it is guaranteed by the One Who will never fail in keeping His word.

And, since we are looking to that kingdom that will come, we should be full of thankfulness. We should be praising Him from the rooftops. We should be telling our neighbors, our friends, our families and our co-workers that Jesus Christ is LORD to the glory of God the Father. We don't have to live like this world lives. As Paul reminds us in **1 Thess. 4:13** *Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.* (NIV) In other words, this world is not our permanent residence. We are living by looking to the future hope that we have in the kingdom of Christ and in the King of all. Our thankfulness should be shown through our reverence and awe of the One Who has given us a gift of eternal life. A gift that could only be purchased with His sinless, spotless blood.

And lastly, we need to be daily reminded that our God is a consuming fire. This was the absolute judgment that was poured out upon the sacrifice of the Son. All of God's righteous wrath was placed upon Jesus and He paid the cost of our sins through His death. Our sins were not really forgiven, but instead paid for by the blood of the sinless Lamb of God. God did not overlook our sins, but instead they cost Jesus His life. He took the penalty so that we could be free.

Dear LORD, You are Almighty God. You are Holy, Holy, Holy. And because of this, you will not allow sin in Your presence. Instead, You allowed Jesus to become our sin, so that we could be set free. Your wrath consumed the sin placed on Your Son so that we could have life with You forever. Praise You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen