

Unshakable
Our Gracious Father
Hebrews 12:23

We are living in troubled times...

But across the board, more and more Americans are concerned about the direction of our nation morally...

In a recent survey conducted January 19-26 to over 1,600 people...

They found that...

72% say our nation's moral compass is pointed in the wrong direction

Religious service attendance has been on a downward trajectory for over a decade...

In 2011, 52% attended religious services at least once or twice a month

Today, 40% attend religious services at least once or twice a month

So, where are people turning for moral guidance?

79% said they are turning to their family for moral guidance

The second highest place people are turning for moral guidance is the rule of law followed by friends

“Younger generations are less likely than their older counterparts to believe that being religious is necessary in order to live a moral life,” Boyd said.

“Americans actually find themselves looking to family more often than religious teachings when looking for sources of moral guidance.”

We are ALL searching for a firm foundation...

In this search for a firm foundation upon which to stand, we realize there is only one that can withstand any and every onslaught... and that is God's Unshakeable Kingdom!

Three weeks ago we began a series I've titled, “UNSHAKEABLE”...

As believers, we have become entitled to several UNSHAKEABLE benefits that will keep our feet on a firm, unshakeable foundation no matter how many tremors are shaking around us...

Hebrews 12:22–24 (ESV) — 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.

We are given in these verses the SEVEN privileges of being citizens of heaven...

→ Pic - Unshakable



Our focus today is on this **FOURTH** part of our Unshakable Kingdom that we have come to in Jesus...

Hebrews 12:22–23 (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and ... to God, the judge of all...

1. Our AWARENESS of God

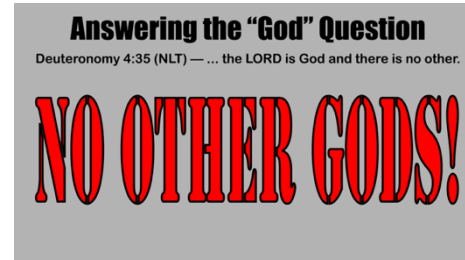
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Deuteronomy 4:32–35 (NLT) — Now search all of history, from the time God created people on the earth until now, and search from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything as great as this ever been seen or heard before? Has any nation ever heard the voice of God speaking from fire—as you did—and survived? Has any other god dared to take a nation for himself out of another nation by means of trials, miraculous signs, wonders, war, a strong hand, a powerful arm, and terrifying acts? Yet that is what the LORD your God did for you in Egypt, right before your eyes. He showed you these things so you would know that the LORD is God and there is no other.

Deuteronomy 4:35 (NLT) — He showed you these things so you would know that the LORD is God and there is no other.

→ Pic 1 – The God Question

For God, the answer is clear...



Regarding the “God” question, there are **FIVE** major responses...

→ Pic 2 – The God Question

Answering the “God” Question			
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This speaks to ...

➤ **God’s REALITY**

Let me be VERY CLEAR...

Everyone answers the “God” question!

I know that one popular response in western culture is that of agnosticism...

Gnosis is the Greek word for “knowledge” or “to know”

The “a” prefix means “not”...

So, agnosticism means to “not know”

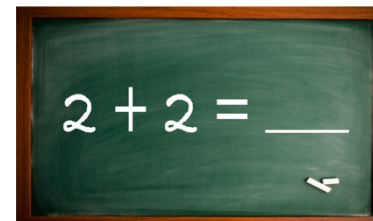
People, especially those who what to pawn themselves off as “intellectuals”...

This group also includes secularism and those who respond “none” under religious affiliation...

Here is the major problem with that response...

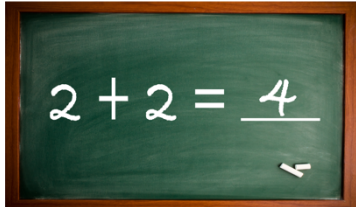
Suppose you are taking a test and there is the following question...

→ **Question – Pic 1**

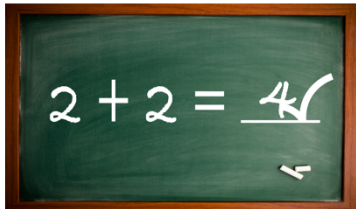


Let’s suppose you answer...

→ **Question – Pic 2**

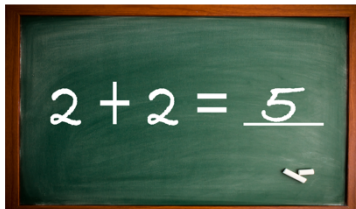


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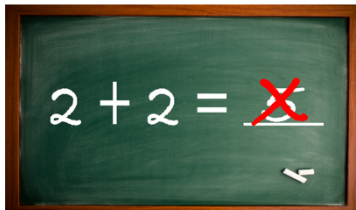


But suppose your answer is...

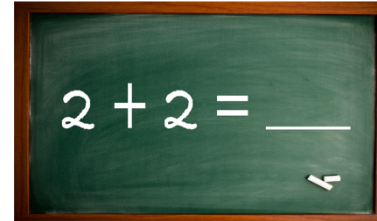
→ **Question – Pic 4**



→ **Question – Pic 5**



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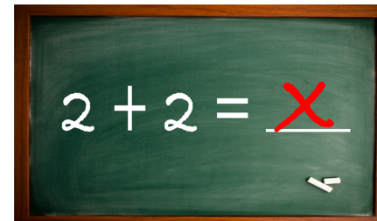


Now let's suppose that ole Johnny thought himself to be "intellectual"...

He decides that there is no such thing as absolute truth, so he chooses to leave the question blank...

What will be the teacher's grade?

→ **Question – Pic 6**



1. Our AWARENESS of God.

2. Our AWE of God

Hebrews 12:22–23 (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and ... to God, the judge of all...

Exodus 20:18–20 (ESV) — Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses,

“You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

“In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison—you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God.”

—C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

This speaks to ...

➤ ***God’s SUPERIORITY***

Because of God’s superiority over all things we are called to worship Him as such!

Hebrews 12:28–29 (ESV) — ... let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

1. Our AWARENESS of God.

2. Our AWE of God.

3. Our ACCOUNTABILITY before God.

Hebrews 12:22–23 (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and ... to God, the judge of all...

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV) — ... It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment

Those who don’t want to accept God for Who He is primarily do so because they do not want to be ACCOUNTABLE for their actions!

→ ***Pic 7 – The God Question***

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JUDAISM	NO OTHER GODS	THE LAW	LEGALISM
CHRISTIANITY	NO OTHER GODS		

This speaks to ...

➤ ***God's AUTHORITY***

Hebrews 12:25 (ESV) — See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

What was God's warning when He spoke from Mount Sinai?

His warning is found in Exodus 20... and it is what we have come to know as the 10 Commandments...

→ ***God's Voice On Mount Sinai – Pic 1***



These 10 Commandments comprise the “Entrance Requirements” needed to enter heaven...

Breaking any one of these 10 Commandments at any time makes you a lawbreaker...

James 2:10 (ESV) — For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

So... let's be honest with ourselves...

- ***Have you ever had anything in your heart you placed as more important than God?***
- ***Have you ever used God's name in vain?***
- ***Have you ever dishonored your Father or your Mother?***
- ***Have you ever had a sexually relationship outside of marriage?***
- ***Have you ever stolen anything?***
- ***Have you ever coveted anything someone else had?***

If so, ... and we ALL have... you are guilty of breaking God's Commandments!

→ ***God's Voice On Mount Sinai – Pic 2***



... This is why the Bible says...

Romans 3:23 (ESV) — For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

1. Our AWARENESS of God.

2. Our AWE of God.

3. Our ACCOUNTABILITY before God.

4. Our ACCEPTANCE by God.

Hebrews 12:22–23 (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and ... to God, the judge of all...

On Mount Sinai God spoke and everything shook... including the people!

But PRAISE GOD there is a SECOND MOUNTAIN!

Hebrews 12:22–23 (ESV) — But you have come to Mount Zion and ... to God, the judge of all...

Let's look one final time at our CHART on the "God" Question...

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➤ **God's MERCY**

Romans 5:8 (NLT) — But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

→ **God's Voice On Mount Zion – Pic 1**



2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) — For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

John 19:30 (ESV) — When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

→ **God's Voice On Mount Zion – Pic 2**



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Crossgates AM Message

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2. Our _____ of God

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3. Our _____ before God

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4. Our _____ by God

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