

Hebrews: Jesus is Better

Lesson 9: Worship Wholly! Holy Worship. (November 23 & 24)

Read Hebrews 12:12-17

1. The author introduces the metaphor of a runner in a race to illustrate the nature of the Christian life. How is this an accurate and helpful picture?

2. What dual role is Jesus fulfilling in 12:2? Why are each of these roles important?

3. Why is the theme of endurance important in this section?

4. Why is Esau used as a negative example in this passage (verse 16)? Read Genesis 25:19-34 for context.

Read Hebrews 12:18-29

5. Describe the depictions of approaching Mount Sinai and Mount Zion in 12:18-12:24 in the table below.

Mount Sinai (12: 18-21)	Mount Zion (12: 22-24)

6. How does the comparison between Mount Sinai and Mount Zion reflect our hope in a new and better covenant?

7. What are ways in which we can express gratitude for the unshakeable kingdom of God?



8. The justice of God brings punishment to the unrepentant sinner and relief to the righteous. Why is it important to picture God as a “consuming fire?”

Read Hebrews 13

9. It’s one thing to know about the Christian faith. It’s another thing to live it out. How are you challenged to show hospitality to strangers or remember your brothers and sisters in prison as if you were with them?

10. The problems of immorality and love of money have been around since the fall of humanity. How do we ensure that we live out our Christian faith regarding these two critical areas?

11. In discussing the love of money in 13:5-6 the author quotes Deuteronomy 31:6 and Psalm 118:6. What do these two quotations point toward as the underlying fears behind the love of money?

12. What does it look like for you to continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise (13:15), the fruit of lips that confess his name, and activities that do good for others?

13. What benefits do we potentially receive from our church leaders? How can we assist them in doing their jobs well?

14. Is there one particular part of this benediction that speaks most loudly to you (13:20-21)?

15. If you had to describe the message of Hebrews in one sentence, what would you say?