



Sinai vs. Zion

Hebrews 12:18-29

- 1) The Law produces death; grace grants eternal life (18-21)
- 2) Christians saved by grace worship among a host of others (22-24)
 - a) The Assembly of angels
 - b) The church of the firstborn (cf. Rom. 8:17, 29)
 - c) God, the Judge of all
 - d) The OT saints made perfect (cf. 11:40)
 - e) Jesus, our Mediator for forgiveness w/ better blood than Abel's
 - i) Abel's spoke from earth, crying for justice (Gen. 4:10); Christ's speaks from heaven, granting mercy
 - ii) Abel's brought guilt; drives us to despair (Gen. 4:13-15); Christ's frees from guilt, opening the way into the presence of God
- 3) Eternal punishment awaits those who refuse Christ's words (25-27; cf. 1:2)
 - a) Heaven and earth will be shaken (Hag. 2:6)
 - b) Only the eternal will remain (2 Pet. 3:10, 12; Rev. 6:12-14)
- 4) True worship comes from a heart of gratitude (28-29)
 - a) Offered in gratitude ("let us show continual grace")
 - b) Offered w/ reverence & awe
 - c) Received by God (cf. 1 Kings 18:38) as "soothing" (Lev. 1)
 - d) Unbelievers are totally unable to worship
 - e) Believers w/o gratitude will not worship