

# MOUNT ZION

## LOCATION

The city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

## KEY REFERENCE

But you have come to **Mount Zion**, to **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**...Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe

-Hebrews 12:22,28

## SIGNIFICANCE

When God descended to Mount Sinai to talk with Moses and the people of Israel, the people responded with fear and trembling (Exodus 20:18-21). However, the author of Hebrews instructs believers that because of Jesus, that is not the case anymore.

Jesus—the better Moses, sacrifice, High Priest, mediator, and blood of the covenant—makes it possible for believers to stand confidently in the presence of God and Jesus at the foot of the heavenly Mount Zion. Because of Jesus, fear and trembling have been transformed into joyful celebration.

## SERMON NOTES

## REFLECT ON HEBREWS 12:18-29

- *In Exodus 19-20, how do the people respond to God's Presence? How is that contrasted to the reality now found through Jesus?*
- *How does Jesus remove the fear and trembling? How do we know that God has always been working to remove the barrier of sin?*
- *How does this mountain top experience reveal God's character to us? How does it point us to Revelation 21-22?*