



SUNDAY MORNING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: From Sinai to Zion

Passage: Hebrews 12:18-29

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Introduction: Have you ever noticed how much your perspective changes depending on where you're standing? Whether you're looking from the top of a hill or standing on a mountain, a different position gives you a different perspective. The same is true spiritually. In Hebrews 12, the writer takes us to two mountains: Mount Sinai, marked by fear and judgment, and Mount Zion, marked by grace and the presence of Jesus Christ. These two mountains represent two very different ways of approaching God, and as we study this passage, we need to ask ourselves one important question: Where am I standing?

I. Sinai Shows Me I Can't Save Myself (Verses 18-21)

God never gave the Law to show us how good we are. He gave the Law to show us how holy He is.

The mountain itself preached that message before a single commandment was ever given.

Sinai was designed to make people realize they needed someone to stand between them and God.

The Law is not a ladder to climb. It is a mirror that shows us we could never climb high enough.



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Left to ourselves, not one of us could ever stand before a holy God on the basis of our own goodness.

You'll never treasure a Savior until you realize you could never save yourself.

II. Zion Shows Me I Can Come to God (Verses 22-24)

Because of Jesus Christ, the believer already has access to God. Our citizenship is already in heaven.

We know Jesus has forgiven us, yet we still approach God as though He's waiting to push us away.

Your access to God is not based on how well you've performed this week. It's based on what Jesus Christ accomplished at Calvary.

The difference between Sinai and Zion is not that God became less holy. The difference is that Jesus made a way for sinful people to approach a holy God.

Every person who comes to God through the blood of Jesus Christ discovers that the Judge they once feared has become the Father who welcomes them home.

III. Don't Turn Away from the God Who Invites You
(Verses 25-29)

If the people who stood at Sinai were held accountable for ignoring God's voice, how much greater is the responsibility of those who have heard the voice of His own Son?

One day God will remove everything in this present creation that is temporary so that only what is eternal will remain.

Our hope isn't anchored in this world. It's anchored in a kingdom that will last forever.



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We don't serve God to earn His favor. We serve Him because, through Christ, we already have it.

We can come to God with confidence because Jesus Christ has made us acceptable in His sight.

Conclusion: Remember that God never intended anyone to live at Sinai. The law shows us that we can never reach God through our own goodness, religion, or effort. That is why Jesus came. He is the Mediator of a better covenant, and through Him we have access to God and a kingdom that cannot be shaken. So stop trying to climb a mountain you were never meant to climb. Come to Christ. Because you'll never reach God by climbing; you'll only reach Him by coming.



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