

# The Supremacy of Christ: In Example Heb 12:4-29

**HEBREWS: THE “BETTER” LIFE:  
Fire Mount or...  
Heb 12:18-25**

# Message so far...

- JESUS: BETTER IN REVELATION [1:1-4:13]
- JESUS: BETTER IN MEDIATION [4:14-7:28]
- JESUS: BETTER IN MINISTRY [8:1-12:3]
- JESUS: BETTER IN EXAMPLE [12:4-29]
  - IN DISCIPLINE - 12:4-13
  - FINAL WARNING - 12:14-29

# Mountains!

- Fear or Glory
- 2 mountains; 2 covenants
- City of the LIVING GOD!
- Heavenly Jerusalem, Angels, Assembly and Church of First Born
- God the Judge of all... and...
- righteous made perfect...

# The Focal point of it all

- You have come to JESUS!
- the mediator of the better
  - *mesites*, one who intervenes to make or restore peace & friendship, form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant
- sprinkled blood...
- not Passover, not Day of Atonement...
- Abel? why this one???
- Genesis 4:10; Hebrews 11:4 1st on the list!

# from Study Guide Sorum & Wendland

note: “The Greek word μεσίτης (mesitēs, “mediator”) in this context does not imply that Jesus was a mediator in the contemporary sense of the word, i.e., he worked for compromise between opposing parties. Here the term describes his function as the one who was used by God to enact a new covenant which established a new relationship between God and his people, but entirely on God's terms.... Abel's shed blood cried out to the Lord for justice and judgment, but Jesus' blood speaks of redemption and forgiveness, something better than Abel's does (Ge 4:10; Heb 9:11-14; Heb 11:4.”

# Abel or Jesus?

- When Abel was killed by his brother Cain, his blood cried out for vengeance and justice. But not the blood of Christ. The blood of Christ cries out for man to be forgiven and cleansed of sin. The blood of Christ cries out for mercy upon those who would kill, reject, deny, and curse Him.
- Christ once again is the superior Blood for us!
- What does the Blood of Christ cry out to you?
- He 9:14,15; 24-28 response?

# Great Warning! (25-29)

- “See” *blepete* – keep watchful, alert,
- Refuse *paraiteomai* – make excuse, avoid (see 12:19)
- Him who is speaking ... ??
  - By His Blood – JESUS! (24)
- Those in the past did not escape...
  - Warned - *chrematizo* – taught, admonished
  - Moses brought the message, refuse = perished

# Great Focus!

- Now it is JESUS who is speaking/calling
  - His Blood speaks of the finished work of Calvary
  - Our entrance to the Throne (4:14ff)
  - Less chance if we willingly turn away (10:29!)
  - Why would we do this?
- This is the focal point of the book - JESUS!
  - All we have seen in the message - HIM!



# His voice

- At Sinai the mountain shook – the Law!
  - saleuo – to make tremble, agitate, shake together...
  - If the Law caused a shaking, how much more grace
- Haggai 2:6
  - do we feel the move?
  - Where is the pointing to?

# Great Changes...

- The Unshakable things!
  - God is NOT looking to save the things we are...
  - This creation, its priorities will perish 2Pt 3:10-13
  - New Heavens & Earth! Re 21-22
  - All that is shake-able is going to fall! 1Jn 2:17
- What will remain?
  - worship; communion and fellowship; service and ministry for the Lord Jesus - His Kingdom Come!

# Great Grace

- We are receiving the kingdom (pres. act. part)
  - We are now receiving it and continue to do so (Mt 6:10) Not of our making, HIS!
- Keep on having grace/gratitude...
- Offer “acceptable service” Rom 12:1,2
  - *latreuo* – to serve, minister, sacred services, worship
  - *euairetos*, 1x – a manner well-pleasing
  - reverence – *deous*, shamefaced..
  - awe – *eulabeia* - godly fear

# Consuming Fire

- OUR God – the one we love/worship (Dt 4:24)
  - *katanalisko*, 1x – consume utterly
  - His nature, justice, holiness, passionate seeking
  - Does not consume us, but is consuming of our sin nature, actions... worldly love

## 2 Cor 4

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

# William Barclay

- 'There is a choice before you. Remain unshakably true to God, and in the day when the universe is shaken into destruction, your relationship with God will still stand safe and secure. Be false to God, and that very God who might have been your salvation, will be to you a consuming fire of destruction.' It is a grim thought; but in it there is the eternal truth, which there is no altering, that, if a man is true to God, he gains everything; and if he is untrue to God, he loses everything. In time and in eternity nothing matters save only loyalty to God"
- William Barclay - The Letter to the Hebrews, p.216f