

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

HEBREWS: THE “BETTER” LIFE:
Fiery Mount and a Better Mountain
Heb 12:18-24

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

Day of God

- Exodus 19:20ff
 - Moses goes up and down; shofar blown
 - foot of the mountain (17)
 - warn the people!
 - 19:24 - you and Aaron!!! He was there at the hearing of the Decalogue!

People respond...

- “speak to us yourself...let not God speak” 20:19
 - why reject His voice and call?
 - God’s law was given to bring us to Christ
 - Galatians 3:23ff
- Fear is all the Law can do, no relationship!
- belonging to Christ, in Christ - God’s plan!
- there is a better Mountain!



BUT YOU HAVE
COME TO MOUNT
ZION, TO THE CITY
OF THE LIVING

GOD

Hebrews 12:22

City of Zion

- Galatians 4 symbol again - 2 mountains!
 - even greater than David's hope!
- City of the Living God! (He 11:10,16; Ga 4:21-31)
 - Heavenly Jerusalem (Rev 21,22)
 - myriads of angels
 - General assembly & Church of the first born
 - enrolled in heaven
 - GOD- judge of all!
 - spirits of righteous men made perfect *teleioō*

The approach of the new covenant is a spiritual and heavenly approach to God (v. 22). It is approaching God to receive His Word, but it is approaching Him right where He sits, right where His throne and presence really are—in Mount Zion, that is, in the city of the heavenly Jerusalem itself. It is approaching God in spirit and in truth, approaching His very presence face to face and heart and heart. Note the contrast between Mt. Sinai which is earthly and physical and Mt. Zion which is heavenly and spiritual. Under the old covenant a person had to go to some physical place—some earthly location or temple or building to worship God. But not now, not under the new covenant. The person who approaches God in this new way can meet God anyplace: heart to heart, on a spiritual basis. The person's spirit can commune and fellowship with God anyplace. (Note: this does not do away with joint worship with other believers in a church gathering. This was covered in He. 10:25 and elsewhere. The stress of this point is spiritual and internal worship verses physical and external worship.

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