

“Registered In Heaven!”

Hebrews 12:18-29

I) “TWO MOUNTAINS” (v18-24)

(v18-23) Mt. Sinai = Law & Judgment!

- Exodus Ch. 19 & 20 - *The Ten Commandments*. Have you ever broken a Commandment? Yes or No. Not sure? Read **Romans 3:23**? How many have sinned? **All!** Read **Romans 6:23** - What is the penalty for sin? **Death!** What is the gift of God? **Eternal life!** Through whom? **Jesus Christ!** (i.e. - “Woman caught in Adultery” - John 8:1-12)

(v22-24) Mt. Zion = Grace, Mercy & Eternal Life!

(v22a) “*The city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem*” - The city prepared and built by God for those who are faithful to Him (Heb 11:10,16). Known as the heavenly Jerusalem (Heb 12:22), this is the city that is to come (Heb 13:14). These references in Hebrews find their fulfillment in **Rev 21-22**. The New Jerusalem is illuminated by the glory of God. It serves as the dwelling place of God among His redeemed forever.

(v22b) “*an innumerable company of angels*” – Rev 5

(v23) Where are Christians registered? Registered in heaven! (Also Luke 10:20) Are you registered in Heaven? Rev 20:11-15

(v24a) Who is our Mediator? Jesus is the One and only mediator for mankind, in 1 Tim 2:5 - “*one Mediator between God and man*” - Jesus the Messiah. He alone, being fully God, can represent God to man, and at the same time, being fully man, can represent man to God. He alone can bring complete reconciliation, because He alone can bring about complete payment for man's sin and satisfaction of God's wrath. He alone can bring everlasting peace (Acts 15:11; 2 Cor 5:18; Eph 1:7).

A major theme of the Book of Hebrews is that Jesus mediated a new and better covenant, an eternal covenant (7:27-28; 9:15; 10:1; 12:24). Speaking the words of God (John 14:24), Jesus fulfills the prophetic office. As High Priest over the house of God (Heb 3:1-6), He sacrificed Himself to secure our redemption and continues to intercede on our behalf (Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; 9:24; 1 John 2:1). Even our prayers are presented to God “through” His mediation (Rom 1:8; Heb 13:15). And He is also “King of Kings,” having “all authority in heaven and on earth” (Matt 28:18; Phil 2:9-11; Rev 19:11-16). The Christian never need worry about the certainty of His salvation. The Mediator “is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him” (Heb 7:25). (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

(v24b) Why is *Abel* mentioned? Wiersbe writes, “*Abel's blood* spoke from the earth and cried for justice (Gen 4:10), while *Christ's blood* speaks from heaven and announces mercy for sinners.”

II) “TWO KINGDOMS” (v25-29)

(v25-27) The “shakable kingdom” - “this world!”

- What did the devil offer Jesus in Matthew 4:8-10? “*The kingdoms of this world!*”

- This ungodly world will be shaken according Matthew 24:21; Rev 6 – 19, etc.; during the “GREAT TRIBULATION!” This world will be ultimately destroyed! (2Peter 3:10-13; Rev 21:1.

(v28-29) The “unshakable kingdom” – “Kingdom of Heaven!”

➤ How does one enter the “Kingdom of Heaven?” John 3:3-5 – “*You must be born again!*”

Matthew 3:2 - “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Be real in the Kingdom of Heaven? Matthew 7:21-23 – Live for God’s “WILL” and don’t “practice LAWLESSNESS!”

➤ What are the benefits of “the Kingdom of Heaven?” - Matthew 6:33 - “*all things of Christ added to you*” Romans 14:17 - “*right living, peace & joy in the Holy Spirit!*”

(v29) “*Our God is a consuming fire*” - Revelation 21:8

“TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!”