

A Kingdom that Cannot Be Shaken

Hebrews 12:18-24

Sinai: Distance and Limitation

- A strict boundary that must not be crossed
- A reminder that the sin problem had not been resolved

Zion: Presence and Privilege

- The place of God's eternal promise
- Where we join in the heavenly assembly

The One Who Takes Us There

- To come to Mount Zion is to come to Jesus
- Jesus points us toward forgiveness and secures it
- There is no access to God apart from Jesus Christ

Never lose your wonder at the Gospel

Live in light of where you already belong

Don't turn away from the One that brings you to God

For Life Group Discussion

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1. When did God first reveal the beauty of the Gospel to you? Has the wonder of that Good News grown or diminished since then? How can we continue to nurture our appreciation of it?

2. Read Exodus 19, Deuteronomy 5:1-5, and Hebrews 12:18-21.

- Why is our author reminding them of that experience? What did he want to communicate?
- Even though it was a terrifying experience, how does the encounter at Mount Sinai reflect God's grace? What did Israel have that the other nations lacked? See Rom 3:1-2 and 9:4-5
- Read Heb 10:1-4. What are the limitations of the law? Why?

3. Read Isaiah 59:20, 60:1-3, and Hebrews 12:22-23. How is the Bible's description of an actual physical place transforming into a heavenly reality match the theme of our study, "Shadow to Substance"? What other examples can you see in the letter?

4. Read Hebrews 12:22-24. How does this heavenly vision inspire you? Read also John 14:1-6. What would you say to someone hoping to get to heaven but rejecting Christ?

5. Read the 3 points of application at the bottom of the outline (see reverse). Which one is most encouraging? Which is most challenging? Why?