

TRIUMPHANT

Running the Race Set Before Us

Lesson Six • Hebrews 12:18-29

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1. Look Up to the Heavenly Jerusalem of God!

For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") Hebrews 12:18-21

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. Hebrews 12:22-24

Two Mountains Contrasted

Mount SINAI and Mount ZION

Mount Sinai (Represents the Old Covenant of Law)

- God's law shows us that SINFUL people can't be in the presence of a holy God.
- God's law show us that we desperately NEED Jesus Christ as our mediator.

Mount Zion (Represents the New Covenant of Grace)

- Look up and see the CITY you have come to.
- Look up and see the CITIZENS you have come to.

2. Look Ahead to the Unshakable KINGDOM of God!

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:25-29

Respond to the Grace of God

- God is SPEAKING—obey Him.
- God is SHAKING—worship Him.

What Finish Are You Running Toward?

Are you running toward the unshakeable kingdom of God?
Or are you running after the shakable kingdom of this world?

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 2Peter 3:9-13 NIV