

III. Do you know the way to Mt. Zion?

You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. vs. 13

You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, vs. 24

Jesus Mt. Sinai experience-Matthew 27:45,46;50,51

This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.²⁹ For our God is a devouring fire.

Hebrews 12:27

THE FIVE WARNINGS of HEBREWS:

Warning #1 is neglect.

So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak?

Hebrews 2:3

Warning #2 is unbelief.

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.

Hebrews 3:12

Warning #3 is rejecting the Gospel

(Those)... who then turn away from God. (His gospel message in Christ) It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame.

Hebrews 6:6

Warning #4 is falling back into old ways

²⁶ Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. ²⁷ There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies.

Hebrews 10:26,27

Warning #5 in today's passage is indifference.

²² No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God...²⁵ Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking.

Hebrews 12:22,25

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God, Shaker of Heaven & Earth Hebrews 12:18-27

You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. ¹⁹ For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. ²⁰ They staggered back under God's command: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." ²¹ Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, "I am terrified and trembling."

²² No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. ²³ You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. ²⁴ You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

²⁵ Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven! ²⁶ When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." ²⁷ This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. ²⁹ For our God is a devouring fire.

This is God's Word

I. The shaking life at Mt. Sinai

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Hebrews 12:18-21

When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram's horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear.

Exodus 20:18

Hebrews 12 contrasts Judaism and Christianity. The writer takes the scene on Sinai as expressive of the former revelation, whose center was the law, which evoked the consciousness of sin, and kindled terror. So as they drew near to God, they did not have anything close to a warm, cozy, experience.

7 negative images to get across how devastating the experience of the nearness of God was to the Israelites.

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awesome trumpet blast---a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking.

Furthermore Moses himself was so frightened at the sight .

The Biblical accounts of those that had a personal encounter with God.

Job: "I despise myself, and I throw myself to the ground in dust and ashes."

Peter: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Isaiah: "Woe is me, for I am undone!"

II. The unshakeable life at Mt Zion

²²No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. ²³You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. ²⁴You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

1. You've come to an unshakeable city.

you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God vs. 22

2. You've come to an unshakeable celebration

(you have come) to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering vs. 22

3. You've come to an unshakeable identity

You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. vs. 23

"Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" ¹⁸ *I know*. I saw Satan falling from above like a lightning bolt. ¹⁹ I've given you true authority. You can smash vipers and scorpions under your feet. You can walk all over the power of the enemy. You can't be harmed. ²⁰ But listen—that's not the point. Don't be elated that evil spirits leave when you say to leave. **Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**

Luke 10:17-20