

## Hebrews Bible Study

### Hebrews 12:18-29

#### *Continue to Draw Near*

#### Outline

1. Introduction
  - A. What do your thoughts reveal about your view of being in God's presence?
  - B. Today's Point: Be sure to continue to draw near to God by the blood of Jesus
  
2. Those who trust in the sacrifice of Jesus can joyfully draw near to God (12:18-24)
  - A. Mountain 1: Mt. Sinai (12:18-21)
    - a. A terrifying place of judgment
    - b. A physical place
    - c. Trumpet blast – Presence of the Almighty God
    - d. The Old Covenant
      - 10 commandments
      - Angels communicating the Law (Hebrews 2:2)
    - e. Death
    - f. Even the mediator is afraid
    - g. *You have NOT come to this mountain*
  - B. Mountain 2 – Mt. Zion (12:22-24)
    - a. *You HAVE come to this mountain*
    - b. Mt. Zion = Jerusalem
      - The promised Place
      - A place of joy
    - c. A heavenly place – cannot be touched (yet)
    - d. Angels celebrating victory
    - e. Assembly of the Firstborn
    - f. God – the Judge of all
    - g. Spirits of the righteous made perfect
    - h. Jesus – the Mediator of a New Covenant
      - Tasted death for us
      - Better than Moses
      - New Covenant promises
      - Blood that speaks a better word
  
3. Those who refuse to heed God's warning will not escape his judgment (12:25-27)
  - A. God is speaking
    - a. The good news of what Jesus has done
    - b. The same message is also a warning from heaven
      - The heart of God
  - B. A shaking is coming

- a. Shaking at Mt. Sinai a small picture of what is to come
  - b. Haggai 2:6
  - c. God is coming to Earth!
    - Good news
    - Bad news
- C. Listen to him today!
4. Let us worship God because he has given us an unshakeable kingdom (12:28-29)
- A. You have a Kingdom that cannot be shaken
  - B. Worship God with thanksgiving and awe

### **To Discuss Next Week**

1. On a day to day basis, how do you tend to think about being in the presence of God? How does this passage challenge or enhance your thinking?
2. Look at the two mountains in Hebrews 12:18-24. What is different between them?
3. Even in the Old Testament, God promised a New Covenant.
  - A. Read Deuteronomy 30:1-10. What does God promise his people?
  - B. Read Jeremiah 31:27-34. What does God promise his people?
  - C. Read Ezekiel 36:25-28 and 37:24-28. What does God promise his people?
  - D. Read Hebrews 10:1-18 (especially 16-18). How are these OT promises fulfilled in Jesus?
  - E. Read Hebrews 12:22-24. How does this picture of Mt. Zion relate to the Old Testament promises?
4. Hebrews 12:25 says that God is speaking to us, and his message is a warning. What is he speaking (see 12:24)? What is the warning (think about his previous warnings in Hebrews)?
5. According to Katie's teaching, what is God's heart towards us when he warns us?
6. In your own words, what does it mean that you have received an unshakeable Kingdom? Read Revelation 21 for ideas.
7. In what ways can you draw near to God with thanksgiving in worship today?