

Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

You Have Come to Jesus
Lesson 20
Hebrews 12:18-29

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Hebrews

- ▶ A message to Hebrew Christians
- ▶ Exhortation to be diligent – run the race – endure
- ▶ A comparison of the Old and New Covenants
- ▶ Outline:
 1. Introduction – the Son of God (1:1-4)
 2. Teaching about our great salvation (1:5-10:18)
 3. Exhortation to diligence in the faith (10:19-13:25)

Introduction (1:1-4)

- ▶ God has spoken through His Son
- ▶ Heir of all things
- ▶ Creator of the world
- ▶ The glory and essence of God
- ▶ Upholds all things by His powerful word
- ▶ Made purification of sins
- ▶ Seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High
- ▶ Having become much better than angels

Our Great Salvation (1:5-10:18)

- ▶ Compare with the model (old) covenant on earth (8:5; 10:1)
- ▶ He is God – exalted in heaven above all the hosts of heaven (1)
- ▶ He became man (2)
- ▶ He is a High Priest of the order of Melchizedek (3-7)
- ▶ He ministers under a new and better Covenant (8)
- ▶ He offers Himself as the one sacrifice forever (9)
- ▶ He will appear again to rule (9:28)
- ▶ A better covenant that works – perfects
- ▶ New, but not new!

Be Diligent - Run the Race (10:19-13:25)

- ▶ 5 warning passages – digressions from teaching
- ▶ The “new and living way” – the body and blood of Jesus
 - Draw near to God
 - Hold fast to your hope
 - Consider one another – stimulate to love and good deeds
- ▶ The historic faith – the just shall live by faith
- ▶ The focused faith – looking unto Jesus . . .

You Have Come to Jesus (12:18-29)

- ▶ Two mountains – Sinai and Zion (12:18-24)
- ▶ 5th Warning – Do not refuse Him Who is speaking (12:25-29)

Two Mountains (12:18-24)

- ▶ Partakers of the heavenly calling (3:1)
- ▶ Earthly mountain v. earthly/heavenly mountain
- ▶ Two lists of benefits at the two mountains
- ▶ Do not come short of the grace of God (12:15)

Mount Sinai – Old Covenant

- ▶ You have not come to this mountain – Mount Sinai
- ▶ 4:16 - throne of grace – not here
- ▶ 7:25 - access to God – not here
- ▶ 10:1 - perfection – not here
- ▶ 10:22 - the holy place – not here
- ▶ 11:6 - object of faith – not here
- ▶ 12:18 – not here (Sinai)
- ▶ 12:22 - He is here (Zion)
- ▶ Lenski – “a way station” and not the “rest”

Mount Sinai – Old Covenant

- ▶ Mountain that can be touched
- ▶ “and to” a blazing fire
- ▶ “and to” darkness
- ▶ “and to” gloom
- ▶ “and to” whirlwind
- ▶ “and to” the blast of a trumpet
- ▶ “and to” the sound of words

Mount Sinai – Old Covenant

- ▶ Touch the mountain – death
- ▶ Fearful words – the Law of God condemned
- ▶ Moses feared and trembled (Deut 9:19f; 31:29)
- ▶ No grace at this mountain – only Law
 - How did Moses get onto the mountain? (11:24-25)
 - Why did David delight in the Law? (Ps 119:97)

Mount Zion – New Covenant

- ▶ “You have come to” Mount Zion”
- ▶ “and to” the living God’s city, heavenly Jerusalem
- ▶ “and to” myriads of angels in festal assembly
- ▶ “and to” a church of first-born enrolled in (the) heavens
- ▶ “and to” a Judge, God of all
- ▶ “and to” spirits of righteous ones made perfect
- ▶ “and to” a new covenant’s Mediator, Jesus
- ▶ “and (to)” blood of sprinkling - speaks better than Abel’s blood

Mount Zion – New Covenant

- ▶ No alternative – “You have come . . .”
- ▶ Justification by grace through faith (Eph 2:8-10)
- ▶ “Jesus paid it all”

The Final Warning (12:25-29)

A – Hear the Word of the Son of God (2:1-4)

B – Access to the rest by faith (3:7-4:19)

C – Hope in Jesus, our Great High Priest (5:11-6:20)

B' – The just shall live by faith (10:26-39)

A' – Do not refuse Him Who is speaking (12:25-29)

Do not Refuse Him Who is Speaking

- ▶ No escape from the heavenly warning
- ▶ A future shaking of all creation
- ▶ A Kingdom which cannot be shaken
- ▶ Let us have grace – acceptable service
- ▶ Our God is a consuming fire

You Have Come to Jesus

- ▶ Partakers of Christ (3:14)
- ▶ Partakers of the Holy Spirit (6:4)
- ▶ A new heart (8:10)
- ▶ Laws and knowledge of God within (8:10-11)
- ▶ Sins forgiven – no threat of wrath (8:12)
- ▶ A great salvation – no alternative