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)
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