



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-25 (NAS)

Topic: "Differentiating Between Sinai and Zion"

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- 18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,  
19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them.  
20 For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED."  
21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."  
22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,  
23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.  
25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.  
26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."  
27 This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.  
28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;  
29 for our God is a consuming fire.

### **I. CLEARLY SEEING THE VALUE OF WHAT WE HAVE**

- A. Esau Failed To See The Value
- B. We Need to Clearly See The Privileges Of The New Covenant

### **II. DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW COVENANT**

- A. Old—God Put Men At A Distance
- B. New—Believers Are Invited Into The Throne Room

### **III. WHY DID GOD REVEAL HIMSELF IN SUCH A HARSH MANNER IN THE O.T.?**

- A. Answer Is Found In Why God Gave The Law

- B. It Was To Reveal His Holiness

- C. It Was To Lead Us To Christ *Galatians 3:22,24*

### **IV. THE LAW SHOULD ACQUAINT US WITH OUR NEED FOR A MEDIATOR**

- A. Only Moses And Aaron Were Permitted To Approach God At Sinai
- B. We Are Privileged To Have Christ As Our Perfect Mediator  
*Hebrews 7:26-27; 1 Timothy 2:5*

### **V. UNDER THE NEW COVENANT**

- A. We Are Invited Into God's Presence (3 Titles)
  - 1. Mount Zion
  - 2. City Of The Living God *Hebrews 11:10*
  - 3. The Heavenly Jerusalem *Revelation 21:1-4*
- B. Reasons For Rejoicing
  - 1. Worship with the angels *Revelations 5:11-12*
  - 2. We are called the firstborn
  - 3. We come before the Judge of all
  - 4. The sprinkled blood

### **CONCLUSION:**

- 1. Do You Stand At Sinai or Zion?
- 2. Do You Maintain A Balance Between Fellowship With God and His Holiness?