

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUTLINE - 05/11/14

HEBREWS 12:18-29

Hebrews 12:18 - 21

Seventh comparison of Hebrews: between Mount Sinai and Mount Zion

Mount Sinai represents the covenant of the law

based on carnal sacrifices and regulations (Hebrews 9:9-10)

7 Physical Characteristics (Exodus 19:16-25) :

1. Tangible (touch)
2. Blazing Fire
3. Darkness
4. Gloom
5. Whirlwind (tempest)
6. Trumpet Blast
7. Audible words that terrified the people

(the law did not bring people nearer to God - it kept them at a distance)

Hebrews 12:22-24

Mount Zion represents all that's available through the New Covenant in Christ

7 Spiritual Characteristics:

1. God's city (the heavenly Jerusalem) see Galatians 4:26
2. Myriads of angels in festal assembly
3. Gathering of the firstborn
 - the New Testament Church enrolled in heaven
 - (see James 1:18 - Luke 10:20 - Revelation 21:27)
4. God - the Judge of all
5. The spirits of the Old Testament saints (see Hebrews 11:39-40)
6. Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant
7. The sprinkling blood of Jesus (see Hebrews 9:23-26)
 - (compare with Genesis 4:10)

Hebrews 12:25

Rejection of the first covenant = punishment by death

Deuteronomy 17:2-7 & Hebrews 10:28-29

How much more the rejection of the 2nd Covenant - ordained in heaven

Hebrews 12:26-27

Giving of the first covenant - accompanied by the shaking of the earth (Exodus 19:18)

Prophetic word - Climax is coming when **both earth and heaven** will be shaken

(see Haggai 2:6 - Psalm 102:26 - Isaiah 51:6 - Matthew 24:29 - 2 Peter 3:7-13)

The visible and material is temporary - impermanent

The invisible and spiritual is permanent - eternal (see 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Hebrews 12:28

"Let us" passage #10 - Let us show gratitude - have grace

Hebrews 12:28-29

Jesus grants us a place in His kingdom that is Unshakable (see Luke 22:29-30)

- This kingdom is spiritual - but not amorphous (it's not "without form")

just as God Himself is spirit - but has a specific form (John 5:37)

- This kingdom is based on righteousness

Accompanied by "peace" and "joy" - supplied by the Holy Spirit (see Romans 14:17)

- True Righteousness is found only where God reigns

(see Mark 1:14-15 - Matthew 4:23 - Matthew 6:10,33 - Matthew 24:14)

Our response: Be thankful - Show gratitude

Two requirements for serving in this kingdom:

1. reverence

2. Awe / fear

The fire of God's being will consume all hypocrisy and carnality

so that "we may serve God acceptably"

Isaiah 33:14-15 - Matthew 3:11-12