



Nov. Memory Verse: *“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28-29 ESV*

Series: Jesus Gives Better Hope (32)

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Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-24

The First Mountain - Mount Sinai

1. Could not be touched (Exodus 19:11-13)
2. Consumed with Fire (Exodus 19:18)
3. Clouded with thunder and tempest (Exodus 19:16)
4. Colored with trumpet sound (Exodus 19:19)
5. Cut with the terrifying voice of God (Exodus 19:19-25; 20:1-19)

Why?

1. God is Holy, merciful to sinful people.
2. God is a consuming fire. (Heb. 11:29)
3. God is strong and mighty.
4. God is sovereign.
5. God spoke the law that condemned sin and sinners. (Ex. 20:18-21, Gal. 3:10-14)

God put on flesh and made His dwelling among us and touched the people who could not touch the mountain. God drew near the people who could not draw near to Him.

The Better Mountain - Mount Zion

Jesus has come, died, risen from the dead, and ascended into heaven!

- God's people no longer identify with the place that God's law was given.
 - God's people now identify with the place that God's law was fulfilled!
1. **The mountain is the capital city of the Kingdom of the living God (the heavenly Jerusalem). (Psalm 2; 110:1-2; 4)**
 2. **Innumerable angels are there. (Heb. 1:6-7; Rev. 5:8-13)**
 3. **The Church and the Saints of old are there. (Phil. 3:20, Luke 10:20)**
 4. **God is there. (Heb. 8:10; Ezek. 37:27; Psalm 11:4; Psalm 115:3)**
 5. **Jesus, the One who shed His blood, is there. (John 14:2-3; Matt. 26:64; Col. 3:1)**

Why is this better?

1. **Zion is the city of promise and peace.**
 - a. **The Kingdom of God is inaugurated though not yet consummated.**
 - b. **The Kingdom is here (Luke 10:9) and is coming. (Luke 11:2; John 8:36)**
2. **Heavenly hosts help us now and will worship with us later. (Heb. 1:14; Rev. 19:5-7)**
3. **We are never alone because we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. (Heb. 12:1)**

We are members of the eternal church, the universal church, and the local church.

4. **God is with us now and forever. (John 14:16-17; Psalm 139:7; Eph. 2:18; 3:11-12)**
5. **Jesus perfectly fulfilled the law forgiving us, saving us, and empowering us. (Romans 8:1-4)**

What does this mean for us?

- **We stop going to the valley of despair.**
- **We come to the mountain and stand on the promises of God.**