



A Tale of Two Mountains — What Motivates You to Live the Christian Life?

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Hebrews 12:18-24

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

A Better Priest: Jesus (7-10)

A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)

The People of Faith (11)

The Perseverance of Faith (12)

Run the Race - Looking to Jesus vs. 1-2

Discipline — How God Trains Us vs. 3-11

The Christian Life — 3 Things We All Need vs. 12-17

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

Hebrews 12:18-24

The Connection with the Exhortations — How do vs. 1-17 connect with "For ..." v. 18?

Verses 1-17 are **EXHORTATIONS** to live the Christian life.

Verses 18-24 are about our **MOTIVATIONS** to live the Christian life.

The Contrast in your Experience — What is the difference between the Old & New Covenant?

Chapters 1-10 — The **REPEATED** contrast of the Covenants (under Jesus)

Chapter 12:18-24 — The **REPRESENTATION** of the Covenants contrasted (2 mountains)

LESSON - A Tale of Two Mountains: What Motivates You to Live the Christian Life? 12:18-24

I. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE OLD COVENANT — Mount Sinai vs. 18-21

"For you have not come to a mountain ..."

The Picture — Exodus 19 & 20

The **REVELATION** from God (Exodus 19:16-19; Deuteronomy 4:11-14)

The **RESPONSE** from the people (Exodus 20:18-21; Deuteronomy 5:23-27)

The Point — Come near but keep your **DISTANCE**.

The Application Point — To be a Christian, means we must first hear the **RUMBLINGS** of the law before we can experience the **RESCUE** of grace.

II. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE NEW COVENANT — Mount Zion vs. 22-24

"But you have come to Mount Zion ..."

The Message — Come **NEAR** and draw close!

The Motivation — 7 Things

#1 — *"But you have come to Mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,"* v. 22a

#2 — *"... and to myriads of angels (ESV - "in festal gathering)"* v. 22b

#3 — *"to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, ..."* v. 23a

#4 — *"... and to God, the Judge of all, ..."* v. 23b

#5 — *"... and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect."* v. 23c

#6 — *"and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, ..."* v. 24a

#7 — *"... and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel."* v. 24b

The Application Point — To be a Christian means we **CELEBRATE** when we come to worship God!