

## The Bridge to Better Sonship- part 2

Hebrews 12:14-29, September 13, 2020

**Review:** v.1- the great cloud of witnesses  
v. 4- resisting to the point of shedding blood  
v. 5-6- God's discipline as showing His love  
v.7-8- the sign of sonship  
v.11-13- the harvest of righteousness

**Hebrews 12:14-17**      **You are the cheering section of other believers (see v.1)**

**v.14**      “live in peace” (**Proverbs 16:7**)  
              \*don’t retaliate in persecution, but follow Jesus’ example  
              \*be holy-Jesus’ sacrifice makes us judicially holy (justification), but  
              we must work out our sanctification

**v.15**      we are responsible for each other (Hebrews 3:12,13)  
              \*live out grace toward each other= forgive and restore  
              \*avoid the root of bitterness (see Deuteronomy 29:18) i.e. the person who  
              spreads doubt and disloyalty within the Covenant Community

**v.16,17**      \*avoid sexual impurity=it dishonors God and undermines others  
              \*don’t despise your spiritual blessing i.e. Esau sold his place in the  
              line of covenant blessing for food vs Moses trading his place in  
              Egypt for the Covenant Community.

**Hebrews 12:18-24**      **When we are ushered into the presence of God**

**v.18-21**      \*the terror of approaching God in the OT (see Exodus 20:19,  
              see 2 Samuel 6=Uzzah’s death for touching the Ark Of the Covenant)  
              \*The terror of non-believers who view Heaven vs. the joy of believers  
              \*vs. the freedom of approaching God through Jesus in the NT

**v.22-24**      \*Coming to Mt. Zion=the promise of Heaven fulfilled without fear  
              \*In Heaven we will see: \*the immediate presence of God  
                                  \*the presence of joyful angels’ celebration  
                                  \*the opening of the “Book of Life” to reveal  
                                  our names: see Daniel 12:1; Luke 10:20;  
                                  Revelation 3:4-6; 20:12  
                                  \*judged by God and found perfect because of Jesus’  
                                  sacrifice  
                                  \*in the presence of our Eternal High Priest

**v.24**      \*the contrast of Abel’s blood that was spilled on the ground, & Jesus’ blood  
              that was “sprinkled” as at the altar in the temple sacrifices

**Hebrews 12:25-29**      **Hear God’s voice**

**v.25**      \*God’s voice calls us to repent and needs to be listened to even more  
              carefully than the calling of His voice through the OT sacrifices.  
              \*Those who did not heed God's call to repent did not escape i.e. Idolatrous  
              Israel

**v.28-29**

As we inherit Heaven which can't be shaken (permanent vs. earth which is shaken by God's voice, and which will be destroyed by God), serve Him in an acceptable manner, and without fear of God, because of Jesus' sacrifice.