

The Bridge to Better Sonship- part 3

Hebrews 12:14-29, September 20, 2020

Review: v.18-21 the terror of being in God's presence:

***Why is it so terrifying to be in the presence of God?** see: Exodus 32:9,10
Exodus 33:17-20
Numbers 11:1-3
2 Samuel 6:6,7
Ezekiel 18:4
Revelation 20:13-15

- v.22-24** *Coming to Mt. Zion=the promise of Heaven fulfilled **without fear**
*In Heaven we will see: *the immediate presence of God
*Joyful angels celebrating God's holiness
*the opening of the "Book of Life" to reveal our names: see Daniel 12:1; Luke 10:20; Revelation 3:4-6; 20:12
*in the presence of our Eternal High Priest
i.e. His love personified and fulfilled
*There is no need for fear because Jesus stands between us and God's judgment- He vouches for us that our sin is paid for= we are judicially pure
***therefore**, judged by God and found perfect because of Jesus' sacrifice **no fear at judgment**
*Note the contrast between the terror of the unrighteous at the day of judgment and the righteous at the day of judgment
- v.24 *the contrast of Abel's blood that was spilled on the ground, vs Jesus' blood that was "sprinkled" as at the altar in the temple sacrifices
*The impact of sprinkling

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/ in our culture today- God's call is getting fainter

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), we serve Him in an acceptable manner, and without fear of God, because of Jesus' sacrifice.