



HEBREWS

STEADFAST FAITH IN OUR SUPERIOR SAVIOR

A Tale of Two Mountains | Hebrews 12:18-24

A Tale of
TWO CITIES
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Perfect Completion



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HEBREWS 13:20-21

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Hebrews 12:18-24 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

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Growing Deeper:

1. How does Mt. Sinai illustrate the limitations of the old covenant? Where else have we seen these limitations addressed in the book of Hebrews?
2. In what way(s) does the new covenant fix the limitations of the old covenant? In particular, how does it change the way we relate to God?
3. How does the blood of Jesus (which symbolizes the new covenant) speak a better word than the blood of Abel? How does this encourage you as a Christian?
4. In what sense is our arrival at Mt. Zion both an 'already' (v.22) and a 'not yet' (13:14) reality? How does this change or shape the live you way as a Christian? Why do you think the author chose to use this picture to motivate his readers to endure?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 10/26 by reading and meditating on Hebrews 12:25-29.

Family Discipleship: As a family, discuss the differences between the two pictures given in today's passage. To illustrate the old covenant, help your kids recall the worst storm they can remember. What made is scary (clouds, darkness, etc.)? To illustrate the old covenant, help them recall the biggest party or festival they can remember. What made is happy (people, music, joy, etc.)? Help your kids see how Jesus has made it possible for us to come near to God in a way that is happy and inviting rather than scary and intimidating.

Prayer Prompt: Most gracious heavenly Father, thank You for the overwhelming blessings You have afforded me in the new covenant. I praise You for the better blood of Jesus, which allows me to draw near to Your presence. Help me to hold fast to this inheritance and demonstrate its surpassing worth in my everyday life, for You alone are worthy of such worship! Amen.