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A BETTER KINGDOM



¹⁸ For you have **NOT COME** to what may be touched, a **BLAZING FIRE** and **DARKNESS** and **GLOOM** and a **TEMPEST** ¹⁹ and the **SOUND OF A TRUMPET** and a **VOICE** whose words made the hearers **BEG** that **NO FURTHER MESSAGES** be spoken to them.

HEBREWS 12:18-21

²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ **Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”**

HEBREWS 12:18-21

What have
we come to?

1. Mount Zion vs. Mount Sinai

²² But you have come to **MOUNT ZION** and to the **city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,** ²³ and to the assembly of the **firstborn** who are enrolled in heaven,

HEBREWS 12:22-24

and to **God, the judge of all**, and to the spirits of the **righteous made perfect**,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

HEBREWS 12:22-24





2. Blood of Jesus vs. the Blood of Abel

Cain killed Abel because he did not offer an acceptable sacrifice.

This speaks of Abel's death by his brother which was out of **jealousy, bitterness, hurt.**

¹⁰ And the Lord said, “What have you done?
The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to
me from the ground.

GENESIS 4:10

Abel's blood was spilled in
RETRIBUTION and REVENGE.

Jesus' blood was spilled for
MERCY and GRACE after
REPENTANCE.

The blood of Jesus cries out —
PARDON, CLEANSING, not just
acceptance but ADOPTION.

Jesus' **BLOOD** is the **CURRENCY**
of the **NEW COVENANT**.

3. Unshakeable Kingdom vs. a shakeable kingdom.

25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth [*Moses*], much less will we escape if we **reject him who warns from heaven.** [*Jesus*]

HEBREWS 12:25-29

²⁶ At that time his voice **shook the earth**, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth **but also the heavens.**” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the **REMOVAL OF THINGS THAT ARE SHAKEN** — that is, things that have been made —

HEBREWS 12:25-29

in order that the things that **CANNOT BE SHAKEN MAY REMAIN.** ²⁸ **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**, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

HEBREWS 12:25-29

¹⁰ The mountains may shift, and the hills may be **SHAKEN**, but MY FAITHFUL LOVE WON'T SHIFT FROM YOU, and my COVENANT OF PEACE WON'T BE SHAKEN, says the LORD, the one who pities (has compassion on) you.

ISAIAH 54:10

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HEBREWS 12:25

4. What is his charge?

- Do not refuse him.
- Offer respectable worship.

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HEBREWS 12:28-29

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, **BY THE MERCIES OF GOD**, to **PRESENT YOUR BODIES** as a living sacrifice, holy and **ACCEPTABLE** to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be **conformed to this world**, but be **transformed** by the **renewal of your mind**, that by **testing you may discern** what is the will of God, what is good and **ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT**.

ROMANS 12:1-2

Cain offered **unacceptable**
worship.

³ Sometime later, Cain presented an offering to the Lord from the land's crops ⁴ **while Abel** presented his flock's oldest offspring **with their fat**. The Lord looked favorably on Abel and his sacrifice.

GENESIS 4:3-4