

Hebrews 12

February 16, 2014

I. Wherefore. Hebrews 12:1

A. All the faithful. Hebrews 11:1-40

1. Able, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses' parents, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, Gedeon, Barak, Samson, Jephthae, David, Samuel and the prophets

II. A cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 12:1

A. Compassed. Hebrews 12:1

1. There is no place we can go to without being witnessed (seen).

C. Where are these witnesses? Hebrews 12:1

1. In the cloud of God.

a. A cloud stayed with Israel for 40 years and lead them through the wilderness.
Exodus 40:38

b. The cloud of the mercy seat. Leviticus 16:2

c. Jesus ascended to Heaven in a cloud. Acts 1:9

d. Jesus will return the second time to earth in a cloud. Revelation 1:7

2. This cloud would be in Heaven. Hebrews 12:1

B. Can those in Heaven see us on earth or do they just hear the report?

1. Rejoicing over a lost soul saved! Luke 15:7

2. Abraham saw the day of Jesus and was glad. John 8:56

a. Did Abraham see the day of Jesus by faith only?

1) Abraham saw virgin birth of Jesus in the birth of Isaac.

2) Abraham saw Jesus crucified and raised by the sacrifice of Isaac.

Hebrews 11:17-19

b. The Jews argued that Abraham was dead. John 8:52-53

c. Jesus had taught them that Abraham was alive. Matthew 22:32

d. Abraham saw the day of Jesus and was glad. John 8:56-58

III. Now run the race of faith. Hebrews 12:1

A. Run to win. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

B. Run according to the rules. 2 Timothy 2:5

IV. What are the rules of the race? Hebrews 12:1-13:18

A. Lay aside every weight and sin. Hebrews 12:1

1. Put off the old ways. Ephesians 4:22-25
2. Die to the old ways. Colossians 3:5-9
3. Deny yourself. Luke 9:23
4. Lay aside. 1 Peter 2:1
5. Love not the things of the world. 1 John 2:15-17
6. Be not overcharged with things of the world. Luke 21:34

B. Run with patience. Hebrews 12:1

1. The patience of Job. James 5:11
 - a. In spite of death in the family, financial loss, and sickness, Job held out knowing that the end was better than the beginning. Job 42:10, 12

C. Run God's race. Hebrews 12:1

1. To all Nations. Matthew 28:19
2. To every creature. Mark 16:15
3. To the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

D. Keep your eye on Jesus. Hebrews 12:2

1. Do not look back. Luke 9:62
2. How can we look at Jesus?
 - a. By looking at the Bible. 1 John 1:1-3
 - b. The Word became flesh and the flesh became the Word. John 1:1-5, 14, Revelation 19:13
 - c. You will not see Jesus outside of the Bible.

E. Follow the example of Jesus Hebrews 12:2-3

1. Author of our faith. Hebrews 12:2
 - a. Jesus wrote how we would be saved before the foundation of the earth.
2. Finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

- a. Endured the cross. Hebrews 12:2
- b. Despised the shame. Hebrews 12:2
- c. Jesus finished the sacrifice for our salvation.
- 3. Saw the joy of winning. Hebrews 12:2
 - a. At the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2
 - b. A name above all names.
- 4. Enduring the hostility of sinners and did not become weary and discouraged. Hebrews 12:3
 - a. Endure hardness. 2 Timothy 2:3-4
 - b. Endure afflictions. 2 Timothy 4:2-8
 - c. Sufferings are not to be compared with the glory. Romans 8:18

F. Accept corrections. Hebrews 12:4-11

- 1. Yet ... get ready for a difficult and hard race. Hebrews 12:4
- 2. Remember your training by God. Hebrews 12:5
 - a. Quotation from Proverbs 3:11.
 - b. You become stronger. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- 3. God wants you to be the best. Hebrews 12:6
 - a. Quotation from Proverbs 3:12.
 - b. God only corrects his children. Hebrews 12:7-8
- 4. God wants you to partake of his holiness. Hebrews 12:9-11
 - a. Partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1:4
 - b. That you might be strengthened. 1 Peter 5:10
 - c. That you might have patience. Romans 5:3-5
 - d. That the power may be of God. 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

G. Be strong and healthy. Hebrews 12:12-13

- 1. Wait upon the Lord. Isaiah 40:31

- a. To serve the Lord, not wait for the Lord to do something.

H. Be peacemakers. Hebrews 12:14

- 1. Blessed are the peacemakers. Matthew 5:9
- 2. Follow after the things which make peace. Ro. 14:19

I. Be watchful and not backslide. Hebrews 12:15-17

- 1. Looking diligently. Hebrews 12:15

- a. Take the race very seriously.

- 2. Lest any man fail. Hebrews 12:15

- a. Not fall from, but fail, come short of.

- 3. Grace of God. Hebrews 12:15

- a. Christian virtues that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness, good will, loving-kindness, favour.

- 4. If you fail (come short) of the grace of God then:

- a. You could become bitter. Hebrews 12:15

- 1) A tongue of bitterness. James 3:8-18

- b. You could be troubled. Hebrews 12:15

- 1) Slow to believe. Luke 24:36-39

- c. You could be defiled. Hebrews 12:15

- 1) Your mind and conscience defiled. Titus 1:14-16

- d. You could be a fornicator. Hebrews 12:16

- 1) As Sodom and Gomorrha. Jude 1:7

- e. You could be a profane person. Hebrews 12:16

- 1) Show no difference between the unclean and clean. Ezekiel 22:26

- 2) An example is Esau. Hebrews 12:16

- a) He found no place of repentance. Hebrews 12:17

Hebrews 12:18-29

April 13, 2014

I. We have not come to Mount Sinai-Law. Hebrews 12:18

A. There are two places that people try to approach God.

1. Mount Sinai-Law. Hebrews 12:18

2. Mount Sion (Zion)-Grace. Hebrews 12:22

B. Mount Sinai. Hebrews 12:18-21

1. The mount that might be touch. Hebrews 12:18

a. They were instructed not to touch it. Exodus 19:9-15

b. As Adam and Eve were not to eat of the tree. Genesis 2:16-17

2. The mount burned with fire and the sound of a trumpet. Hebrews 12:18-19,
Exodus 19:16-19

3. The voice of God was heard. Hebrews 12:19-21

a. They did not want God to speak to them. Exodus 20:18-19

4. Mount Sinai is symbolic of the law, bondage. Galatians 4:21-25

a. Under the law you are guilty before God. Romans 3:19

b. You cannot be justified by the law. Romans 3:20, Galatians 3:10-13

II. We have come to Mount Sion (Zion)-Grace. Hebrews 12:22-29

A. Mount Sion (Zion) is symbolic of the bride of Christ. Revelation 21:2, Revelation 21:9-10

B. The city of the living God. Hebrews 12:22

C. The Heavenly Jerusalem. Hebrews 12:22

D. Innumerable company of Angels. Hebrews 12:22

E. The general Assembly. Hebrews 12:23

F. The church of the Firstborn. Hebrews 12:23

G. Jesus the mediator of the new covenant. Hebrews 12:24

H. The blood of sprinkling. Hebrews 12:24

III. Obey Jesus! Hebrews 12:25-27

A. The Old Testament Saints were punished. Hebrews 12:25

B. We will have greater punishment. Hebrews 12:25

C. God shook the earth in the past. Hebrews 12:26, Exodus 19:18

D. God will destroy this earth and solar system in the future. Hebrews 12:27

1. God will move the earth out its place. Isaiah 13:13

2. The earth will burn up. 2 Peter 3:10-11

3. No place found for the earth. Revelation 20:11

4. The earth will pass away. Revelation 21:1

IV. We have a kingdom that cannot be moved. Hebrews 12:28-29

A. Our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9