

This Keeps You Running – A New Location

Hebrews 12:18-24

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SAY WHAT?: The two mountains

LOCATION #1: Mt. Sinai

ITS CITIZENS:

- The “untouchable” and “awesome” God
- The fearful and distant Israelites
- Moses, the mediator

GOD’S MESSAGE: The Law

LOCATION #2: Mt. Zion

ITS CITIZENS:

- Myriads of angels
- The general assembly, the church
- God, the Judge of all
- The spirits of the righteous made perfect
- Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant

GOD’S MESSAGE: Grace

SO WHAT?: Moving mountains

NOW WHAT?: Belay yourself...

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Throughout the pages of the Old Testament, Mount Sinai is the place of the Old Covenant where God meets face to face with His chosen few. Mount Zion is the place of the New Covenant, the City of God where He abides in relationship with His children. Which mountain do you look to as you seek the Lord today? Are you abiding in His presence, face to face on Mount Zion; or do you seek Him from a distance, through the eyes of other Christians?

God the Judge – Mat. 25:31-34, 1 Cor. 3:11-15, Isa. 11:1-4,
There are many descriptive characteristics of God found in the pages of Scripture, but as we cross the threshold of Heaven we will meet Him as our righteous Judge who rewards His faithful servants. What are you doing today to prepare for that encounter?

Christ the Mediator - 1 Tim. 2:5-6, Rom. 8:33-39, Heb. 10:11-14
When you feel unworthy, when sin seems too powerful, when you lose your courage to stand, Christ the Mediator sits at the right hand of the Father, mediating and interceding for you. In what areas of your life do you find a need for intercession?

Ministering Angels – Heb. 1:14, Mat.18:10, Rev. 5:11, Luke 16:22
Angels are created beings who act according to God's command. They have a place in the throne room of God, and carry out His will in the lives of Christians today. How have you encountered angels ministering in your life?

The Church Triumphant – Mat. 16:18, Eph. 2:19-22, Heb. 10:19-25, 2 Cor. 6:16-18
The Church is the Body of Christ, your home away from home; and it plays a strategic role in God's great plan. In what way has your church become your home away from home? Have you discovered your place of service where God has called you to be a part of His plan?

The Saints of Old - Heb. 11:1 thru 12:1, Rev. 5:8, Rev. 8:1-4
The Bible is a book of faith, but it's also a remembrance of thousands and thousands of saints who followed after God, one day at a time. How are you inspired by their stories as you walk as a saint in the world today?