

Study of Hebrews #64
"You Have Come to Mount Zion"
Text: Hebrews 12:22-24

I. Introduction and review

II. "But you have come to Mount Zion..."

III. The amazing blessings of coming to Mount Zion

1. We have come to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.
2. We have come to innumerable angels in festal gathering.
3. We have come to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven.
4. We have come to God, the judge of all.
5. We have come to the spirits of the righteous made perfect.
6. We have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.
7. We have come to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

IV. Conclusion – a final word

QUOTES

1. John MacArthur:

If they had the proper fear of God by honoring His holiness and obeying His law, they had no reason to fear His wrath.

2. Charles Spurgeon:

Every good thing is enhanced in value by its opposite. Light is all the brighter to eyes that have wept in darkness; food is all the sweeter after you have known hunger; and Zion is all the fairer because of Sinai.

3. Kent Hughes:

- *Mount Zion was the location of the Jebusite stronghold that David captured and made the religious center of his kingdom by bringing to it the golden Ark of God—God's presence with his people. When Solomon built the Temple and installed the Ark, Zion/Jerusalem became synonymous with the earthly dwelling-place of God.*
- *Whereas at Mount Sinai the angels blew celestial trumpets that terrified God's people, we are to see ourselves on Mount Zion as dressed in festal attire and worshipping in awe side by side with these shining beings!*

4. John MacArthur:

Whereas Sinai was forbidding and terrifying, Zion is inviting and gracious. Sinai is closed to all, because no one is able to please God on Sinai's terms – perfect fulfillment of the law. Zion is open to all, because Jesus Christ has met those terms and will stand in the place of anyone who will come to God through Him. Zion symbolizes the approachable God.

5. Al Mohler:

- *Even as Jerusalem was the capital of Israel, so the heavenly Jerusalem will be the capital of God's kingdom. In coming to Zion, we have come to the chief city of God's kingdom and reign.*
- *His perfection is our perfection. His righteousness is our righteousness. There is no human righteousness in Zion. There is only Christ's righteousness.*

6. Samuel Renihan:

- *The Covenant of Redemption is the foundation of the New Covenant. The Covenant of Redemption was a covenant of works from the Father to the Son. The Son had a mission, a work to complete, with a reward suspended on condition of His obedience. Jesus willingly and perfectly fulfilled that Covenant of Works. He Himself said that it is finished.*
- *The New Covenant is a kept Covenant of Works, mediated to the world. The Old Covenant longed for completion and fulfillment. It longed for faithfulness. The New Covenant is a covenant already completed, already kept, and delivered to Christ's people. Jesus Christ is the Mediator of a better covenant established on better promises.*

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

- **Ps. 130:3; Ps. 132:13-14; Rom. 8:30; Heb. 13:14; Eph. 2:6**
- **Heb. 11:10; Rev. 21:9-27**
- **Dan. 7:9-10; Rev. 5:11-12**
- **Rev. 5:9-10; Rom. 8:17; Rev. 21:27**
- **1 Peter 3:18; Is. 61:10**
- **Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:9**