

INTRODUCTION

In Hebrews 12, the writer compares two mountains: Mount Sinai and Mount Zion. Mount Sinai was the place where God gave His commands to Israel, and the people were warned that disobedience would bring judgment. The people of Israel heard God’s voice there, but many refused to trust and obey Him. As a result, they missed out on the life God wanted for them.

Through Jesus, believers today are no longer standing at Mount Sinai. We have come to Mount Zion, which represents grace, forgiveness, and a new relationship and covenant with God. Instead of trying to earn God’s love by being “good enough,” we are invited to trust in what Jesus has already done for us. Even though we are under grace, the warning still remains. Jesus declared that He is the only way to the Father and to reject Him is to reject His authority and our invitation to salvation.

This passage also points us to a future day when God will shake everything that can be shaken. Every earthly system, temporary comfort, and sinful foundation will eventually pass away. Only what belongs to Christ and His Kingdom will remain. Because we have received an unshakable Kingdom through Christ, our response should be gratitude and faithful living. We are called to worship God sincerely, serve others faithfully, and live in a way that reflects trust in Him. This week, take time to ask yourself: What in my life is temporary, and what is truly lasting?

GETTING STARTED

1. If you could instantly fix one small inconvenience in your daily life, what would it be?
2. Have you ever ignored advice or a warning and later realized it would have saved you trouble if you had listened?

LET’S GET PERSONAL

1. Do you ever struggle with feeling like you have to “perform” for God’s acceptance? Why or why not?
2. Is there anything in your life right now that God may be trying to remove, refine, or shake so that your faith becomes more firmly rooted in Him?
3. The sermon emphasized gratitude as the proper response to receiving an unshakable Kingdom. What does a grateful life practically look like for you?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. What is one area of your life where you need to trust Christ more fully instead of relying on your own effort or performance?
2. As you close out this time, pray together and ask God to help you trust Him fully and build your life on what will last.
3. ***Want to dig deeper?*** Take a look at the following passages: Hebrews 12:25-29; Hebrews 1:1-2; John 14:6; John 11:25; John 3:16; Acts 4:12; Hebrews 10:28-29; Haggai 2:6; Revelation 21:2; John 8:36.

RENEW YOUR MIND

*Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. – **Hebrews 12:28-29***