

The Glorious Company

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard *it* begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. ²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded: “*And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.*” ²¹ And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “*I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.*”)



²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “*Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.*” ²⁷ Now this, “*Yet once more,*” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God *is* a consuming fire.

1. Read Exodus 19:10-22. Also read Exodus 20:18-21? What was God’s purpose in presenting Himself in this way?

2. What did the Lord present to the people?

3. Read Deuteronomy 9:15-21. What had the people done? Why was Moses afraid?

4. To where have New Testament believers come? Who is there?

5. Go back to Hebrews 4:14-16. Why have we come there?

6. Read Hebrews 10:11-14. How are these “just” men in Hebrews 12:23 made perfect?

7. According to Hebrews 11:39-40, where are we in the picture of Hebrews 12:23-24?

8. How is the blood of Jesus better than the blood of Abel? Compare Genesis 4:10.

9. What are we warned not to do in Hebrews 12:25?

10. Read Haggai 2:6-9. What kingdom is it that Hebrews 12: 28 that will not be shaken?

11. Read Exodus 24:17, Leviticus 10:2, Numbers 16:35, Deuteronomy 4:24 and 1 Corinthians 3:15. What is the purpose of God as a consuming fire?
