

HEBREWS

JESUS IS BETTER

Don't settle for less

WEEK 26

READ

- Read Hebrews 12 through a few times this week.
- Write here what you think is the main idea the author wishes to communicate in 12:18-29:

EXAMINE

- Hebrews 12 issues a call to endure in the long-distance race of the Christian life. Believers had to faithfully endure amidst persecution from the Jewish faith they left behind for Christ. This passage is a contrast of Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion. For background understanding of the Jewish faith, read Exodus 19, bearing in mind Hebrews 12:18-29.
- Contrast what you read in Hebrews 12:18-24 about Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion. How is Mt. Zion, and the New Covenant, superior in every way?

Mount Sinai (Old Covenant)	Mount Zion (New Covenant)

- In verses 25-29 believers are commanded to respond to the Lord. According to verses 25-27 how should believers respond? What is the command in verses 28-29?

APPLY

- The truth “our God is a consuming fire” (12:29) reveals that the God of Mt. Sinai and the God of Mt. Zion are the same. God has not changed. Have you ever felt or thought through the tensions between Old and New Testament portrayals of God? How does this passage address those tensions?
- How should this passage instruct us in our worship of God at West Park Baptist Church? In what ways may we need to change in our public worship? In what ways have you been encouraged in our public worship to see the true and holy view of God in Hebrews 12?

PRAY

- Praise our holy and righteous God! Approach Him with holy fear, believing His word that He is a consuming fire.
- Confess any known sins that this time in God’s Word has brought to light. Ask the Spirit of God to reveal those sins so you may repent by His power.
- Praise Jesus, the once-for-all sacrificial Lamb of God! Give great thanks that He has forever saved and rescued you. If you are not certain He has, believe on Him today.