

Treasure Hunt

Heb 12:23-27

- Michael: Why is it appropriate for us to bear the same title of “firstborn” (12:23) as our Lord (1:6)?
- Ben: What event in the life of our Lord illustrates “written in heaven”?
- What does “God the judge of all” have to do with “the spirits of just men made perfect”?
- What is the difference between “new covenant” in 12:24 and in 9:15?
- Nate: What did Abel’s blood say? What does our Lord’s blood say?
- Caitlin: What has not changed between Sinai and Zion, according to 12:25-29?
- Faith: Give an example of how Israel did not escape God’s word, even though they refused to listen to it.
- How does 12:25 align with 1:1-2?
- Elijah: When will the final earthquake happen?

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- A mountain that cannot be touched
- Burning with fire
- Darkness gloom and storm
- A Trumpet blast
- God's voice of warning and judgement
- Moses trembling at the terrifying sight



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- The heavenly Jerusalem, the city of living God
- An immense, joyful assembly of angels
- God, the judge of all
- Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant
- The church of the firstborn, spirits of righteous made perfect through the sprinkled blood of Jesus



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Seven Features of the Church, 12:22-24



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Category	Feature
Place	1. Mount Zion 2. City of God, Heavenly Jerusalem
Worshippers	3. Innumerable company: a. General assembly of angels b. Church of the firstborn
Center	4. God the Judge 5. Spirits of just men 6. Jesus the Mediator 7. Blood of sprinkling

Psa. 89:5 And the **heavens** shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the **congregation** of the saints. 6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? 7 God is greatly to be feared in the **assembly** of the saints, and to be had in reverence of **all them that are about him.**

Useful References on 12:23-24

Church of the **firstborn**, which are **written** in heaven

Heb. 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the **firstbegotten** into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

Luke 2:1 there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be **taxed (enrolled)**.

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because **your names are written in heaven**.

Rev. 20:15 And whosoever was not found **written in the book of life** was cast into the lake of fire.

God the judge of all

Rom 14:12 every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Eph 2:10 ... good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them

Gen. 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect [blameless].

Jesus the mediator of the **new νεος** covenant

Heb. 8:6 he is the mediator of a **better** covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Heb. 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the **new καινός** testament,

the blood ... that speaketh

...

Gen 4:10 the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

The God of Sinai at Zion

12:25-29, Warning	12:18-21, Sinai
25 ... him that speaketh ... 26 whose voice ...	19 ... the voice of words
25 See that ye refuse παραιέομαι G3868 not him that speaketh . For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:	19 ... which voice they that heard intreated παραιέομαι that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.	(Exod 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, ... and the whole mount quaked greatly.)
28 ... let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:	21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)
29 For our God is a consuming fire.	18 For ye are not come unto the mount ... that burned with fire

The Warnings in Hebrews

Warning	Sin	Follows	Precedes
2:1-4	Neglect	1:1-14, Christ higher than angels	2:5-18, Christ lower than angels
3:7-4:13	Unbelief	3:1-6, Christ as faithful high priest (faith = belief)	4:14-10:25, Christ as merciful high priest
5:11-6:12	Stagnation	4:14-5:10, Christ is like other priests	6:13-10:25, Christ is unlike other priests
10:26-31	Willful Sin	1:1-10:25, The Person & Work of the Son of God	10:32-13:19, The Life of the Sons of God
12:18-29	Refusal to Obey	10:32-12:17, Past Witnesses	13:1-25, Current Examples

12:25 See that you **refuse** not him that **speaketh**. For if they **escaped** not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we **escape**, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

2:3 How shall we **escape**, if we **neglect** so great salvation; which at the first began to be **spoke** by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

God's Two Ways of Speaking

Heb 12:25	Mountain	Heb 1:1-2	Helpful References	God's Mouthpiece
him that spake on earth	Sinai	1 God, who ... spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,	Deut. 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me;	Moses, on earth
him that speaketh from heaven	Zion	2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,	Joh 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.	The Lord Jesus, on earth The Lord Jesus by his Spirit, from heaven

12:26 Yet once more I shake not the earth only, ...

Hag. 2:6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; **Yet once**, it is a little while, **and I will shake** the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

Rev. 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; ... 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an **earthquake**, and great hail.

Rev. 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an **earthquake**, and so great.