

CONTRASTING MOUNTAINS
(Heb. 12:18-24)

- I. ISRAEL and Mount SINAI (Heb. 12:18-21)
 - A. A MATERIAL reality (12:18*a*)
 - 1. Could be SEEN
 - 2. Could be TOUCHED
 - B. A TERRIFYING experience (12:18*b*-21)
 - 1. Experienced PHYSICAL phenomena (18*b*)
 - a. HEAT of FIRE
 - b. DARKNESS and GLOOM
 - c. A rushing WHIRLWIND
 - 2. Experienced AUDIBLE phenomena (19*a*)
 - a. The BLAST of a TRUMPET
 - b. The SOUND of WORDS
 - 3. Faced a DEADLY threat (20)
 - a. Forbidden to APPROACH the MOUNTAIN
 - b. Demanded EXECUTION of even an ANIMAL for TOUCHING it
 - 4. Displayed a FEARFUL response

- a. They begged God to SPEAK no further WORD to them (19*b*)
- b. ALL were TERRIFIED (21*a*)
- c. Even MOSES trembled (21*b*)

II. CHURCH and Mount ZION (Heb. 12:22-24)

A. An IMMATERIAL reality (12:22)

- 1. The CITY of the LIVING GOD
- 2. The HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

B. A JUBILANT throng (12:22*c*-24)

- 1. The JOYOUS assembly of myriads of ANGELS
- 2. The CHURCH of the FIRST-BORN
- 3. GOD, the JUDGE of ALL
- 4. The SPIRITS of RIGHTEOUS men made PERFECT
- 5. JESUS
- 6. The SPRINKLED BLOOD

- a. The blood of ABEL spoke of VENGEANCE (Gen. 4:10)
- b. The blood of CHRIST speaks of FORGIVENESS, which is “BETTER”

III. The CONTRAST

- A. Mount Sinai represents JUDGMENT under the LAW
- B. Mount Zion represents REDEMPTION under GRACE