

Discussion Notes for Hebrews 12 (Part 4) v18-29

Begin by reading **verses 18 through 21**,

- To prepare for the discussion of these verses, read **Exodus chapter 19** and verses **18-21 of Exodus 20**.
- What did you read about in the Exodus passages?
- How did the people of Israel respond to what they experienced?
- How does the narrative of Exodus illustrate the very nature of the Law?
- Read **Romans 3:20**. What knowledge does the Apostle Paul tell us the Law gives us?
- Why do you think the author of Hebrews felt it would be helpful to remind his readers of the harshness of the Law?
- Consider now the first statement made by the author of Hebrews in **verse 18** when he reminds his audience that they have not been called to gather at an earthly mountain like Sinai. Where does he tell them they have come in **verses 22 to 24**?
- How do the words of these verses differ from the message that spoken to the people of Israel under the Law?
- What is the “better word” that he speaks of at the end of **verse 24**?
- **Verses 25 and 26** contain a warning. What is that warning?
- What do you think the author means by refusing the Lord?
- In **verse 28** we read about “**receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**.” What is meant by this? (Read Haggai 2:6–7.)
- At the end of **verse 28** we read about offering “acceptable worship.” What kind of worship is acceptable according to **Romans 12:1**?
- Why do you think the author of this letter included the statement in **verse 29** that “**our God is a consuming fire**”?
- How would reading and understanding Hebrews chapter 12 help someone who was beginning to waver in their faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross?