

## LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

## Two Mountains      Hebrews 12:14–29

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2,3*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16*

**Day 1: Read Hebrews 12:14–17.**

1. We often talk about the justice and the mercy of God; how are these two themes expressed in this week's passage? Why do you think they are presented together?
  
2. What particular sins does the author warn us about in verses 15 and 16?
  
3. To understand what the author means by "godless", read about Esau in Genesis 25: 19–34 and 27:1–41. What sort of repentance, if any, did Esau exhibit?
  
4. (Personal) Think about your family or church. Which of these three sins seem most tempting or problematic? Remember to pray for God's grace in your particular circumstances.

**Day 2: Read Hebrews 12:18–24.**

5. The comparison in this passage is between Mt. Sinai (a symbol of the Law of Moses) and Mt. Zion (a symbol of heaven). Make a list of the differences between them. What do you think is the most important difference?

Mt. Sinai:

Mt. Zion:

6. To refresh your memories, read about the giving of the law in Exodus 19:10–25. How did Moses respond? (Heb. 12:21) How might you have responded had you been there?

**Day 3: Read Hebrews 12:22–24.**

7. Which groups are mentioned as dwelling in heaven? (vss. 22,23) Who do you look forward to seeing in heaven?
  
8. In the description of Mt. Zion, God is described as the “judge of all men.” Why doesn’t this description seem to evoke the same terrifying response as Mt. Sinai?
  
9. Read about the results of Abel’s death in Genesis 4:10–12. In contrast, what are the results of Jesus’ death? (Hebrews 9:12–14)
  
10. What impact might the description of these two mountains have on your prayer time or worship this week?

**Day 4: Read Hebrews 12:25–29.**

11. Read these verses all the way through. What do you think the author is concerned about?
  
12. Which things are described as “shaken”? Which are “unshaken”?
  
13. What things can we call “unshakable” in our lives? What happens when we rely on “shakable” things instead?

