

“HEBREWS CONCLUDING EXHORTATIONS” (Hebrews 12:18-24 & chapter 13)

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INTRO: We will finish our journey through Hebrews today!

Mount Sinai vs. Mount Zion (Heb. 12:18-24)

A. Mount Sinai (vv. 18-20; Ex. 19:12-13) – the O.T. law.

B. Mount Zion (vv. 22-24) – the new covenant freedom.

1. The new Jerusalem over the old Jerusalem (Rev. 21).

C. The son of the bondwoman (law & bondage) vs. the son of the freewoman (liberty) (Gal. 4:21-31).

I. REACH OUT IN LOVE TO OTHERS (Heb. 13:1-3)

A. Reach out in love to other believers (v. 1).

B. Reach out in love to people you don't know (v. 2).

C. Reach out in love to people in trouble (v. 3).

II. CONCLUDING EXHORTATIONS (Heb. 13:4-17)

A. Respect marriage and fidelity (v. 4).

B. Choose contentment over covetousness (vv. 5-6).

C. Follow the example of faithful leaders (vv. 7-8, 17).

1. Faithful leaders shouldn't use these verses to manipulate and control people!

D. Don't be gullible (vv. 9-11).

1. Be stable doctrinally (v. 9a).

2. Be more focused on internal character than external conformity (v. 9b).

3. Be sure you're going to the right altar (vv. 10-11).

E. Three “*Therefore*” (vv. 12-15).

1. **Therefore** Jesus sanctified us with His own blood (v. 12).

2. **Therefore** pursue Jesus outside the camp (vv. 13-14).

3. **Therefore** keep offering sacrifices – worship (vv. 15-16).

F. Pray for us (vv. 18-19).

III. THE END (Heb. 13:20-25)

A. A blessing declared (vv. 20-21a).

B. Glory forever to Jesus Christ (v. 21b).

C. Heed this message (v. 22).

D. Timothy has been set free (v. 23).

E. Final greeting (vv. 24-25).