

12-3-17 Ken Carlton

Title: SINAI VS. ZION

Main Text: Hebrews 12:18-24

Sermon Description: As our author brings his preeminent, sophisticated, and glorious argument to a conclusion, the crescendo of full orb'd redemptive historical revelation reaches overwhelming levels of beauty. He revisits and supercharges the comparison/contrast motif of Old vs. New covenant distinctives as he compares the law's arrival at Sinai with the arrival of the justified to mount Zion. The reader should recall at this point, the greater priesthood of Christ expounded in contrast to the Aaronic and levitical orders in chapter 7:11-16, the differences between the tabernacle and the true tent detailed in 8:1-6, Christ's blood vs. animal sacrifices in 9:11-14, and the superiority of the once for all offering of the Son of God in contrast to the provisional and insufficient temple order worship which provided only type and shadow (Note also similar analogies employed by Paul in Galatians 4). The author of Hebrews makes his point 7 times over as he catalogues the differences between the pre and post-Christ eras of history with symmetrical and parallel lists of differences delineated by the conjunction 'and'... Let us consider these differences in 3 categories...

Heading: ...3 ASPECTS OF ZION MAGNIFIED BY CONTRAST WITH SINAI...

1. POPULATION – Who is there?

- a. City vs. Event (Ex 19:16-20)
- b. Angelic feast (Rev 5:11-14)
- c. Firstborn enrolled (Num 3:40-43)

2. PERFECTION – What sets it apart?

- a. Untouchable perfection (Ex 19:21-25)
- b. Judge's presence
- c. Righteous & perfect

3. PRIESTHOOD – How is this possible?

- a. Moses' insufficiency (3:3)
- b. Jesus mediator (7:22-28)
- c. Jesus' blood (Gen 4:10, Heb 9:11-15)

AIM: TO DEEPEN OUR APPRECIATION & ANTICIPATION OF PRESENT & FUTURE GOSPEL GLORIES

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Mt Sinai	Mt. Zion	Angelic feast	Jesus mediator	Jesus' blood	Next Sunday
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ex 19:16-25	Heb 12:18-24	Rev 5:11-14	Heb 7:22-28	Heb 9:11-15	Isaiah 40

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NEXT WEEK: ...Guest: Pastor Kenny Stokes, Advent sermon from Isaiah 40...