

# COMING TO MOUNT ZION (Hebrews 12:22-24)

## Introduction

- 1) **Hebrews 12:22** – “But you have come to Mount Zion...”
- 2) The writer of Hebrews exhorts his readers as to what and who they have come to as Christians
- 3) It is a wonderful and majestic description of the kingdom of Christ today (v. 28; Col. 1:13)
- 4) We learn here that all Christians in Christ’s kingdom today have come to...

## I) **Mount Zion**

- A) Contrasted with Mount Sinai (Heb. 12:18-21; Ex. 19:1-2)
  - 1) Dreadful and terrifying scene surrounding the giving of the old covenant (Ex. 19:10-25)
- B) **Mount Zion** – a place of God’s dwelling, power, and fellowship (Psa. 2:6; 15:1; Isa. 2:2-3)
  - 1) Followed by descriptions inspiring confidence, assurance, and joy

## II) **The City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem**

- A) Not the earthly city of Jerusalem, the central place of OT worship (Jn. 4:20-21)
- B) We have become part of the “Jerusalem above” (Gal. 4:26)
- C) Our citizenship is in heaven and in God’s spiritual city (Phil. 3:20; Rev. 21:2)

## III) **An Innumerable Company of Angels**

- A) Angels are “ministering spirits” created by God to serve His will (Heb. 1:14)
  - 1) Sent forth to minister for [us] who will inherit salvation
- B) They are a vital part of God’s kingdom and purposes (cf. Lk. 15:10; 1 Cor. 11:10)

## IV) **The General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn**

- A) A “festal gathering” and assembly of those “born again” to privilege [“firstborn ones”]
- B) Beautiful picture of fellowship and celebration among the saved registered in heaven

## V) **God the Judge of All**

- A) The Creator of all things is the sovereign and absolute Judge of all (Gen. 18:25)
- B) We do not come to a human judge or a human council, but to God, who is just and fair in His judgment toward all (1 Cor. 4:3-4)

## VI) **The Spirits of Just Men made Perfect**

- A) Reference to all who have been made perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28)
- B) Include the just spirits from OT made perfect in Christ (Heb. 9:15; 10:1, 14; 11:39-40)

## VII) **Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant**

- A) He is mediator by means of His death (Heb. 9:15)
- B) This new and better covenant is ratified and dedicated by the blood of Christ (1 Cor. 11:25)
  - 1) The basis of man’s reconciliation with God – redemption of sin

## VIII) **The Blood of Sprinkling that Speaks Better Things than that of Abel**

- A) Better than the blood of Abel’s animal sacrifice – shadow of better to come (Gen. 4:4; 11:4)
  - 1) Abel’s murdered blood cried out for vengeance/punishment – problem of sin (Gen. 4:8-11)
- B) Jesus’s blood brings the blessed word of forgiveness and reconciliation – solution of grace (Rom. 3:24-25; 5:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:18-19)

## Conclusion

What a kingdom we have come to and are privileged to be a part of! Have you come to Mount Zion? If not, why not?