***SERMON NOTES***

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

***“See That You Do Not Refuse Him“***

**Hebrews 12: 18-29**

**The letter to the Hebrews alternates back and forth from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Exposition is when the author unfolds wonderful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus and His sacrifice or the superiority of the new covenant over the old covenant of the law.**

**Exhortation is when the author gives us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be followed and obeyed in light of his teaching on Jesus or the surpassing new covenant over the old.**

**In light of all that he has said in this letter, the author wants us to not forget and not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the treasure that we have in Christ.**

**In the law and apart from Christ there is no real access to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; instead there is only limit, barrier, and restriction to how He can be approached.**

**To even be around or near God in all His holiness and His perfection as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person was a frightening thing- a thing that could even bring death if it was done in a nonchalant or careless way.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not just some version of us that is simply a little better and a little more holy. God is something entirely different than you and I: perfect and righteous and unable to tolerate sin.**

**To understand the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to rest in the great miracle that because of Jesus you now draw near to the throne of God, we must understand first His holiness and our sin and the separation that it brings.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can’t remove sin; it can only expose sin and the need for a Savior.**

**“Mt. Zion”, “the city of the living God”, “the heavenly Jerusalem” all ways to say: “You have come to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.**

**When you trust Christ as your Savior you become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not of this present world and country but of a heavenly world (John 18:36; Philippians 3: 20-21).**

**That phrase “festal gathering” is from the Greek “πανηγύρει”. It was a word often used for the original Greek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ games.**

**In Heaven the Angels will be “festal gathering,” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and making much of the accomplishment that have been done, the victory won, and the hard work completed by God the Father and God the Son.**

**As a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your name is enrolled in Heaven, written in what scripture calls the Lamb’s Book of Life (Luke 10:20; Revelation 3:5).**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ name is enrolled in heaven so long as I finish the race in belief and repentance as only Christ enables me to do.**

**If it were not for the love of God the Father in sending to us God the Son to take and absorb the wrath and judgement that we all deserve for our sin, then we could not stand before God as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We could not approach Him in His holiness if it were not for the holiness that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to us through repentance of sin and faith in His work.**

**Jesus’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Himself in our place is what makes our Mt. Zion not like Mt. Sinai.** **There is no longer barrier or restriction, now there is unlimited access (Hebrews 4:16).**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blood cries out for justice, vengeance, and retribution. But Jesus’s blood cries out forgiveness, mercy, and grace unmerited.**

**In God’s final judgement against sin and sin’s corruption, this world, this culture, this present Earth, and all worldly powers, authorities, and kingdoms will pass \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The only thing that will remain is that which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the things that cannot be shaken: God’s New Heaven and New Earth and the things built in eternity.**

**Gratefulness to God is the fuel for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and true gratefulness must begin by understanding God’s holiness and our sin.**

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