

# God's Mountain of Grace

Text: [Hebrews 12:18-24](#)

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This is a family worship guide for individuals and families to walk through in place of our weekend service due to the weather. We hope you will enjoy this time together in your home. The teaching is what we would have covered in our worship service this weekend. Have your family grab their Bibles, communion supplies, and prepare to worship the Lord.

(Read the following to prepare for your study of Hebrews 12:18-24)

## **Psalm 46:1-4 ESV**

*<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. (Selah) <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

(Pray for our church family and missionaries that spread the hope of the gospel to those that are unsaved. My God be glorified as we worship Him in our home today. Amen.)

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## **Our text today is:**

### **Hebrews 12:18-24 ESV**

*<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the*

*spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

Help families understand the gospel by comparing two mountains—one of fear and one of joy—and seeing how Jesus brings us to God.

## **Two Very Different Mountains**

### **Hebrews 12:18–21 ESV**

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### **The Main Idea:**

God is holy, and sin separates people from Him.

### **What’s Happening?**

These verses describe *Mount Sinai*, where God gave the Law. There was fire, darkness, loud sounds, and fear. The people were not allowed to come close because God is perfectly holy.

God showed how powerful and holy He is. The people were scared because they knew they were sinful.

### **Discuss with one another:**

- Why do you think the people were afraid?
- What does this show us about God?
- Can anyone be good enough to come to God on their own?

## **A Mountain of Grace**

### **Hebrews 12:22–23 ESV**

*<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God...*

### **The Main Idea:**

Through Jesus, God welcomes us into His family.

## **What's Happening?**

Instead of a terrifying mountain, believers come to *Mount Zion*—God's joyful city. This gives us a picture of heaven and God's people celebrating together.

God wants His people with Him, not kept at a distance.

## **Discuss with one another:**

- How is this mountain different from the first one?
- What words sound better or exciting here?
- How does it feel to belong to God's family?

## **God the Judge—and the One Who Makes Us Right**

### **Hebrews 12:23 ESV**

<sup>23</sup> ... and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect...

### **The Main Idea:**

God is the Judge, but He makes His people right through Jesus.

## **What's Happening?**

God still judges sin, but believers are called "righteous" because Jesus took their place. We are being made clean and whole through Him.

We can't fix our sin, but Jesus can.

## **Discuss with one another:**

- Is anyone perfect?
- Why do we need help to be made right with God?
- How does Jesus help us?

## **Jesus Brings Us to God**

### **Hebrews 12:24 ESV**

<sup>24</sup> ... and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

### **The Main Idea:**

Jesus is the only way we can come to God.

## What's Happening?

Jesus is our *mediator*—He brings us to God. His blood brings forgiveness, not punishment. This is the heart of the gospel.

Jesus died so our sins could be forgiven.

### Discuss with one another:

- What does Jesus do for us?
- Why is forgiveness better than punishment?
- Why is Jesus such good news?

## The Gospel of Grace

We are sinful and cannot come to God who is holy on our own. Jesus lived perfectly, died for our sins, and rose again so we can be forgiven and welcomed into God's family forever through faith alone.

How do we live in this world as we look toward our home in heaven?

**We can come to God with confidence** — We don't have to be afraid anymore once we come to Christ by faith.

- We can pray to Him for all that we need to endure until we are with God in heaven.
- We have God's Word to help us glorify Him in whatever difficulties we may face in this lifetime.

### 2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV

<sup>3</sup> (God's) divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

**Trust Jesus, not ourselves** - He is the only way to God.

### John 14:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said ..., *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

**Live as part of God’s family** — Love one another, forgive as you have been forgiven, and follow Him.

**Romans 8:15–17 ESV**

*<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.*

(Prayer)

“God, thank You for sending Jesus so we can come to You without fear. Help us trust Him and live for You. Amen.”

Worship Song Links

He Will Hold Me Fast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=936BapRFHaQ&list=PL0ONU3wVC9D123y0bDlC0rHnYDzaBPzXA&index=2>

Amazing Grace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDmcdZTEU5E>

Rock of Ages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jbRl3w8YUc&list=PLN6ijTZWiYC-J1VP1cL5NqW7RZr5Ux25e&index=25>

**The Lord’s Supper:**

Read Matthew 26:26-28 and take the elements as they are described in the text.

*Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

Close your time together in prayer.