

## INTRODUCTION

- big picture/context – Jewish believers tempted to return to the Old Covenant, having come to Christ
- READ Exodus 19:1-20:21

## EXPOSITION

- <sup>18</sup> For you have not come (7)  
to the mountain that may be touched  
and that burned with fire,  
and to blackness - and darkness - and tempest,  
<sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet  
and the voice of words,  
so that those who heard *it* begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.  
<sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure what was commanded:  
"And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow."  
<sup>21</sup> And so terrifying was the sight *that* Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")
- <sup>22</sup> But you have come (10)  
to Mount Zion  
and to the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem,  
to an innumerable company of angels,  
<sup>23</sup> to the general assembly  
and church of the firstborn (pl) *who are* registered in heaven,  
to God the Judge of all,  
to the spirits of just men made perfect,  
<sup>24</sup> to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,  
and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.
- <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse (context of letter) Him who speaks (presently).  
For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, (Moses)  
much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven, (God, in the Son)  
<sup>26</sup> whose voice then shook the earth;  
but now He has promised,  
saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."  
<sup>27</sup> Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made,  
that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken,  
let us have grace (be thankful), by which we may serve God acceptably  
with reverence and godly fear. (awe, not fear here)
- <sup>29</sup> For our God *is* a consuming fire.

## APPLICATION

- A call to the believer not depart from Christ
- A call to the unbeliever to fear, and to flee to Christ