

**HOLDING FAST TO GRACE IN THE RACE OF LIFE
(Hebrews 12:18-29)**

1. We need to realize that we are running the race that God has set before us!
2. We need to keep in mind the witness of those who successfully ran before us (chp 11)
3. We are urged to lay aside every weight & the sin that easily hinders our progress in this race of life!
4. We need to run with steadfast endurance in light of the long haul set before us.
5. We need to be looking unto Jesus in the Christian life race!
6. We are encouraged to earnestly consider Him who endured such hostility, lest during the Christian life race we become discouraged in our minds!
7. We are not to forget the exhortation concerning divine discipline that speaks to us as God's children
8. We are encouraged to not despise the chastening of the Lord nor be discouraged when you are rebuked of Him!
9. We are urged to _____ to disciplinary _____ in life (12:12-17)
10. We are urged to hold fast to _____ in the race of life! (12:18-29)
 - a. The scene on the _____ mountain (12:18-21)
 - 1) It's _____ description! How is it described?
 - 2) The reality to the Hebrew believers of the first century was that they had _____ to an earthly physical mountain where the law of Moses had been given to their ancestors, but to _____, the promised Messiah of the OT.
 - To go back to the law was to go back to a place of _____, _____, & _____!
 - b. The reality of a _____ mountain scene (12:22-24)
 - 1) It is called _____.
 - In the OT, the city of _____ was known as Mt Zion & it _____ the nation of _____!
 - But this Mt Zion is the _____ Zion. This is where Christ presently _____ (in the heavenlies)!
 - 2) It is called the _____ of the _____!
 - 3) It is also called the “_____”
 - Who all will be there?
 - An innumerable company of (holy) _____
 - There is the “_____” and the “_____” of the “_____” which are _____ in heaven!”
 - There is _____ the Judge of all

- There are the _____ referred here to as “*the spirits of just men made perfect*”
- _____, the _____ of the New Covenant, will also be there!
- There will be the _____ there!

- What did all this mean to the Hebrew believers of the first century?

Warning # 6 - Do not fail the _____, nor faint when you experience God’s loving _____ in your life! (chp 12-13)

- The writer now gives two more exhortations to hear & heed in light of this last warning:

1) “_____ that you do not _____ Him who _____!”(12:25)

- Who has been speaking here in this epistle?
- What were they not to refuse?
- Why should this exhortation be heeded? (12:25b)

Exodus 19

The **point**: People did not _____ when God spoke from Sinai, nor will they _____, as God has spoken!

Haggai 2:6-7

- When this next universal shaking happens, all things that are _____ will be removed, while only the _____ things may remain!
- 2) “Let us have _____” whereby we may _____ God _____! (12:28-29)
- How is this acceptable service to be accomplished?
 - With _____ (with regard or respect for God & His ways)... and
 - With _____ (with veneration, circumspection, or piety toward God)
- Why are these attitudes needed? (12:29)
- So what should all this mean to you?