"Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant"

Intro: The Author of Hebrews is concerned not only that the Hebrews peoples come to believe in Jesus, that He is the Christ but moreover, that those who had already come to Him in faith believing would ______________ the _______ rather than falling short of the grace of God by turning back to the non-saving ways of Old, going apostate.

A. The Holy Spirit is here working to bring reason to the mind that the Hebrews (and us as well) would reason rightly, bringing them to ______________ what it was like to live under the _____ and obsolete system of the Law as compared to the ______ and better system of Grace.

B. This passage is significant for through it we are encouraged to endure in the _________________ privilege of being under the New Covenant of _______ as opposed to the condemning Old Covenant of the Law!

I. Contrary to coming to a mountain that may be touched, that is earthly and material, you have __________ a mountain that is spiritual, immaterial and cannot be touched. The contrast is between that which is earthly and that which is __________, that which is passing and that which is everlasting, that which provokes fear and that which instills peace and joy, that in which men fail and that by which God succeeds in saving men!

A. Mount __________ is the place of trembling and ______! Thanks be to God, for you as one who has faith in Christ Jesus have not come to this Mount!

1. Mount Sinai is the Mount of God’s Law, an insurmountable mountain of __________ demands given to an __________ people.

2. Mount Sinai is the place of __________ faithlessness, _______________ and God’s righteous judgment.

3. So, the Covenant of Mount Sinai is the covenant of fear and trembling where ______ is _________________, where man falls short in his duty even before the covenant can be delivered, having only the terrifying expectation of wrath!

B. ______________ Zion is the Mount ____ God’s ____________! And this is where He brought you!

1. On Mount Zion we who believe freely ______________ ______ through the blood of the New Covenant of Jesus Christ!
MacArthur writes, “Whereas Sinai was forbidding and terrifying, Zion is inviting and gracious. Sinai is closed to all, because no one is able to please God on Sinai’s terms – perfect fulfillment of the Law. ________ is _________ to all, because Christ Jesus has met those terms and will stand in the place of anyone who will come to God through Him.” Dear church, this is the Mount to which you have ________! Don’t fall short of this wondrous grace by turning back to the fear and failure of Mount Sinai.

2. We have come to Mount Zion, the ________ the living God! Amen, life is in Him. And all those who enter in share in His life and it is everlasting life, eternal life, abundant life without the dread of sin and death, a place where there is no sin. This is the city of ______ _________ God!

3. By the grace of God shown through Christ Jesus you have come the myriads of ________ who reside on Mount Zion, being dressed in festive clothing, assembled (as the word means), for festivity, to celebrate with ________!

4. God brought us who believe to the Mount where as the church of the Firstborn we are _________ in heaven, heirs of the Firstborn ____________!

5. By faith in Christ and His accomplished work we do come to this Mount fearing the judgment of _____ but embracing Him as Judge for it is by His declaration that we are ________!

6. Mount Zion is the eternal dwelling place of those who are of the New Covenant which was mediated ___ the _________ Jesus _________!

Conclusion: Don’t turn back to Sinai and its restless wanderings but endure by faith pursuing peace and the sanctification, seeing to it that no one fall short of the grace of God, realizing the ________ of God ___________ at Mount Zion!

Let us be a people of faith not fear, for the grace of God has brought us from the terror of Mount Sinai to the joy and rest of Mount Zion where the living ______ _________ eternally.

The vision of God at the Mount of the Covenant of Old brought terror. But for those who are sprinkled by the blood of Christ who mediated the New Covenant of Grace, the vision of God as Judge brings rest for His judgment has been executed in Jesus, and He now counts us as “righteous men made perfect.” For the joy set before let us ________ steadfastly by faith ______ _________ Jesus, the Savior.

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