

Sermon Outline

Heavenly Worship

Hebrews 12:18-29 13:14-15

In worship we draw near to God and his throne of grace. Because he has made us kings and priests, we are given the privilege of his holy presence, access by the Spirit into the throne room of heaven. There we join the holy angels and all the saints who have gone before us to proclaim the excellencies of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. The sprinkled blood of Christ has made sure and open the way for our entry into the heavenly holy of holies.

- The Sacrificial Order
 - Sin Offering
 - Ascension (Burnt) Offering
 - Peace/Fellowship Offering
- The Blood is shed, our hearts are sprinkled, our conscience cleansed and we ascend into God's presence to feast at his table - Hebrews 10-11.

I. *The Presence of the King* – Hebrews 12:22-24

A. Not Sinai and Trembling

B. But Zion and Joy

- Why joyous solemnity is characteristic of heavenly worship
 1. City of God – heavenly Jerusalem
 2. Angels in Festal Array
- Hebrews 1:13-14; 1 Cor.11:10
 3. Assembly of First Born
 4. God, the Judge of All
- In worship there is an inspection/judgment of the offering
 5. Christ and his sprinkled blood, blood that speaks!

II. *The Power of the King* – Hebrews 12:28-29

A. The Unshakeable Kingdom

B. The Unquenchable Fire

III. *The Praise of the King* – Hebrews 13:14-15

A. Leaving our City for his

B. Lifting our Sacrifice

1. Dedicated Worship
2. Acceptable Worship
 - Psalm 141:2; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 4:18

The King's Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with every good thing you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.