

**GRACE OR LAW?
Hebrews 12:18-25**

I. The Horror of Mount Sinai (18-21).

A. God's law can only bring fear.

Romans 4:15: because **the law brings about wrath**; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

B. God's law can only bring judgment.

Romans 2:12: For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, **and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law.**

C. God's law can show us our need for a new Mediator.

Hebrews 9:15: **And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

II. The Beauty of Mount Zion (22-24).

A. By grace we are citizens of the city of the living God.

Psalm 132:13-14: For **the Lord has chosen Zion**; He has desired it for His dwelling place: **"This is My resting place forever**; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

B. By grace we will participate in the praise of the angels.

Revelation 5:13: And **every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them**, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

C. By grace we know God who is a good Judge.

Psalm 50:5-6: "Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." **Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.**

D. By grace we have a better Mediator of a better covenant.

1 Timothy 2:5-6: For *there is* one God and **one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all**, to be testified in due time.