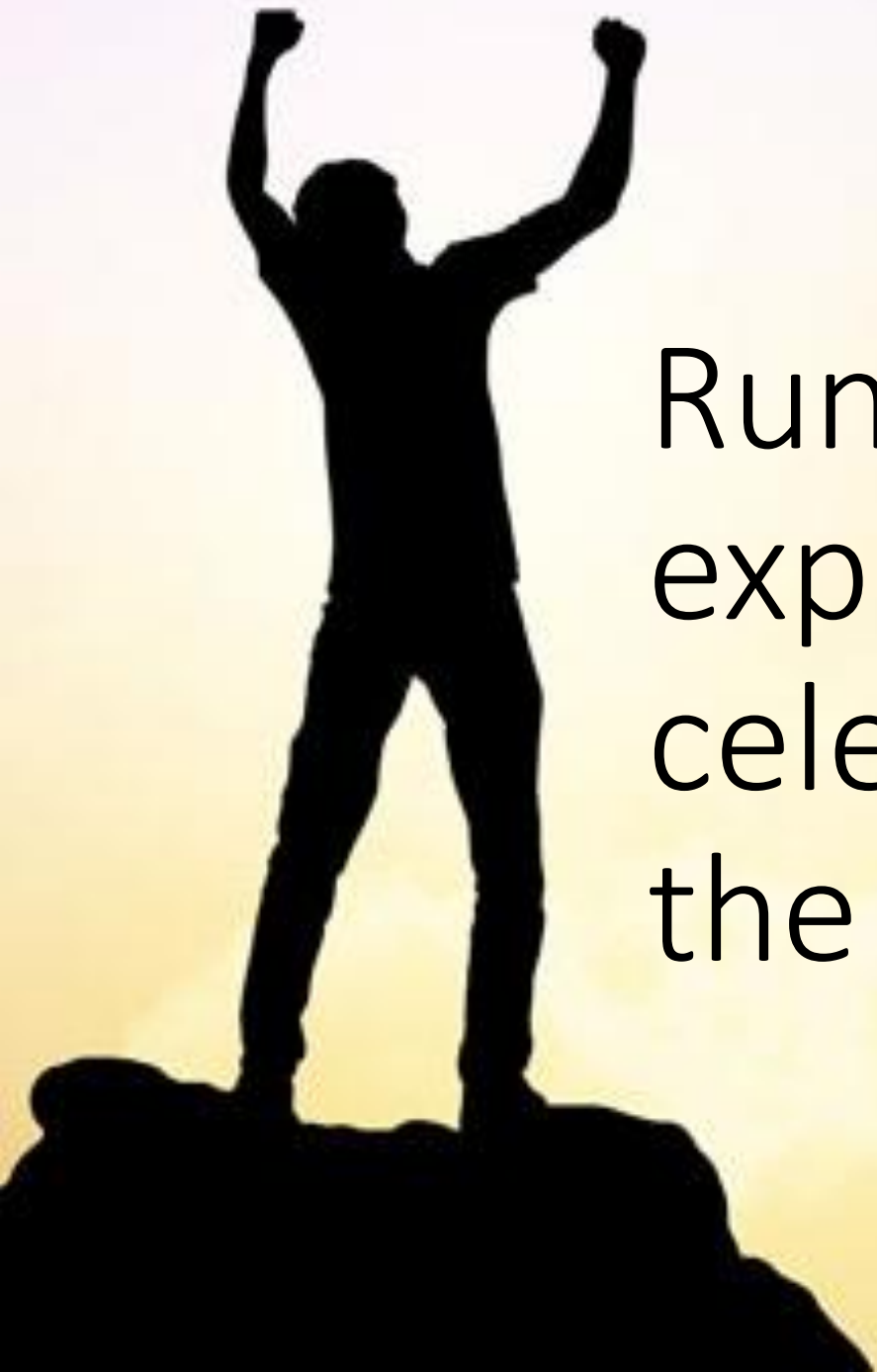


Live a life worthy of the
sacrifice of Christ.

Hebrews 12:18-29



Run the race
expecting to
celebrate victory in
the city of God.

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that

speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken-- that is, things that have been made-- in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire. (Heb 12:18-29 ESV)

1. Better Faith than Fear (vv. 18-24).

Zion > Sinai

Fear (Sinai) arises from one's awareness of the infinite gap between their humanity and God's divinity (Heb 12:18-21; *cf.* Ex 19; Isa. 6:1-7).

Jesus nails fear to the cross (vv. 22-25).



Jesus removes the gap between us and God – Zion.

6 Truths at Zion (vv. 22-25).

(These change the way we live life today)

- i. We party/celebrate with angels (v. 22).
- ii. We join life with the Son. No Fear (v. 22).
- iii. We join the saints (v. 23).
- iv. We're *already* registered (vv. 18, 23).
- v. The Judge see us as perfect (v. 23).
- vi. It all depends on Jesus' once-for-all blood sacrifice (v. 24).

2. Warning: none escape judgement (v. 25-29).

Our God: A Consuming Fire.

(v. 29, cf. Deut 4:24).



ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP
PLEASES GOD.



JUDGEMENT.

Hell, Yes!

None escape judgement (v. 25-27).

A. If they couldn't, *they tried*, you can't, *don't try* (v. 25).

B. The terror of Sinai is just a taste of God's power (vv. 26-27; Hag 2:6).

C. We must understand (and lovingly warn) of God's judgement.

You didn't escape judgment.
Jesus was judged for you.

Be grateful (v. 28a).

Offer acceptable worship
(v. 28b-29; Rom 12:1).

All of life is worship – our response to the one
who sprinkled us with the blood of Christ.

When Christ returns ...

Those who cling to
“created things”
will be shaken with
the created order.

Those who trust in
God as foundation
will be safe in the
“kingdom that
cannot be shaken.”

What are you holding onto this morning?