

Recognizing Where We Have Come To

Family vacations often begin with excitement. The bags are packed, the cooler is loaded, and everyone eagerly starts down the road. Yet after several hours, the seats feel harder, the scenery looks the same, and someone finally asks, “Are we there yet?” Then a sign announces that the destination is near. Everyone sits up, the complaints fade, and anticipation returns. The road has not changed, but recognizing where we have come changes how we view the journey.

Hebrews 12:18–24 offers that kind of perspective to weary Christians. The writer reminds them that they have not come to Mount Sinai, with its fire, darkness, trembling, and distance. Sinai displayed the holiness and majesty of God, but it also showed the fear produced when sinful people stood before Him under the old covenant.

Instead, believers have come to Mount Zion—the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the joyful assembly of angels, and the church of the firstborn whose names are registered in heaven. Above all, we have come to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, and to His blood, which speaks of cleansing, mercy, and salvation.

This truth should steady us in everyday life. When work becomes overwhelming, family concerns grow heavy, guilt troubles the heart, or temptation urges us to compromise, we must remember where faith in Christ has brought us. We are not abandoned at a mountain of fear and separation. Through Christ, we may draw near to God as members of His redeemed people and heirs of His promises.

Begin each day by thanking God for one blessing you possess in Christ. Bring your anxieties and failures to Him in prayer. Then choose one faithful step: speak truthfully, forgive someone, resist temptation, encourage another Christian, or obey a command you have postponed. Small acts of faithfulness keep our eyes fixed on the destination.

The road may be long, but the destination is glorious. Do not let today’s difficult stretch make you forget where you stand. Lift your eyes, hold firmly to Christ, and continue faithfully toward heaven. The journey changes when we remember where we have come—and where, by God’s grace, we are going.

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