Lesson 20 Hebrews 12:18-29

1. Read Hebrews 12:18-21 as well as Exodus 19 and 20:18-21. Describe the conditions surrounding the receiving of the old covenant at Mount Sinai. How did the people respond to this sight?
2. No one was allowed to touch the mountain except Moses. Why were limits around the mountain necessary?
3. Read Hebrews 12:22-24 as well as Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27. Describe the conditions surrounding the heavenly city on Mount Zion.
4. What are the differences between the two mountains? How does the picture of Mount Sinai help you delight in the picture of Mount Zion?

Read Hebrews 12:25-29. 5. When God's voice shook Mount Sinai, the Israelites refused to listen to his voice. What comparison does the author make in verse 25?
6. What will God's purpose be in shaking not only the earth but also the heavens? What will remain?
7. a. What does it mean to you that you belong to a kingdom that cannot be shaken? In what way does that make you thankful?
b. How does belonging to a kingdom that will not be shaken affect how you spend your time and energy?
8. What does it mean for God to be a consuming fire (see Deuteronomy 4:23-24)? What does his fire consume? How does this fact inspire reverence and awe?