

## Hebrews 12:18-24

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The flow of the chapter has been: “we’re surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses... and our Father is doing everything necessary to get us ready for glory... so we too should be making every effort toward holiness... since we have come not to Sinai but to Zion.” vv18-25 point at the Lord’s Day assembly as the primary way that God strengthens and refreshes our lives.

### 1. Not deadly fear but blessed hope

- a. Deadly fear: the bookends of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 19:12-13, 20:18-21; Deuteronomy 9:19)
- b. Blessed Hope: safety, abundance, joy, belonging, certainty, completion

### 2. The Mediator who speaks to us

- a. Not Moses but Jesus: He speaks first about what He has done, and only then about what we must do
- b. Not Abel’s blood but Jesus’s: His blood tells us not why we are condemned, but why we are forgiven

Conclusion: One of the great reasons that the Lord commands us to weekly, Lord’s Day worship is that we would be wowed by Christ... and that this rejoicing over Him and our relationship with Him would be what compels us to lives of diligent obedience and service the full seven days of the week.