

Warning No. 5

Hebrews 12:14-29

A command:

Be loving as holiness is the evidence of salvation

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification

without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that

5x "no"

no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of *i.e. housing a false Christian*

i.e. Root producing bitterness and death

bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be

"a little leaven leavens the whole lump"

defiled; ¹⁶ that there be no immoral or godless person *lit. "profane"*

Here is the classic non-Christian

Esau could not care less than about spiritual things

like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a *single meal*. ¹⁷

His major concern was his belly.. his physical life

For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to

His concern was physical blessing that went with the birthrite.

inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no

And this is the nature of a man who does not know God

place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

i.e. the blessing

he felt no sorrow for his immoral life..

¹⁸ For you have not come to a mountain that can be

Sinai the covenant of law

v18 gives the reason for living a faithful life and saying no to sin - The fear of God

touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and

a mountain of fear of law of wrath

gloom and whirlwind, ¹⁹ and to the blast of a trumpet

and the sound of words which *sound was such that* those

who heard begged that no further word be spoken to

them. ²⁰ For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A

BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." ²¹ And so

terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR

Mt Sinai, the law, is fearful indeed.

and trembling." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and

to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and

The mountain we have come to is Grace

to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and

we are already there because of Christ.

N.T. saints — church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and

we sit secure alongside the Judge of all men to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the

O.T. saints — righteous made perfect,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of

His blood brought us into a covenant of Grace a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which

speaks better than the blood of Abel. — Abel's blood cried for Justice. Christ calls for Grace

But FEAR refusing the voice speaking to man to believe and be forgiven.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking.

For if those did not escape when they refused him who

To violate the Law of Sinai — warned them on earth, much less will we escape who brought recompense

To violate the Word of Grace will be a worse punishment — turn away from Him who warns from heaven.²⁶ And His voice shook the earth (then) but now He has promised,

The Judgment of Law is a small thing compared to the Judgment of Christ

saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT

ALSO THE HEAVEN."²⁷ This expression, "Yet once more,"

the law shook the earth but the Judgment of Christ will shake the heavens and the earth or all creation

denotes the removing of those things which can be

shaken, as of created things, so that those things which

And then God will make new heavens and earth which will not pass away...

cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we

receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show¹

gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable²

service with reverence and awe;³ ²⁹ for our God is a

consuming fire.