

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — February 25, 2024

Sermon Notes

Last Week: “Final Warnings: *Part 1*,” [Hebrews 12:12-17](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Proverbs 4:20-27](#);

New Testament Reading: [Hebrews 12:7-17](#)

- ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. [Romans 12:18](#) (NIV) (see also from the Beatitudes— [Matthew 5:8-9](#))
- “See to it that no one fall short ... no bitter root grows up ...” [Hebrews 12:12](#) (NIV) (c.f. [Deuteronomy 29:16-21](#); [1 Timothy 4:16](#))
- Don’t fixate on or be tricked into satisfying the immediate desire(s) of the flesh in exchange for the inheritance of the life eternal. ([Genesis 25:29-34](#); [Philippians 3:19](#))

This Week: “Final Warnings: *Part 2*,” [Hebrews 12:18-29](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

Old Testament Reading: [Deuteronomy 4:9-24](#); New Testament Reading: [Hebrews 12:18-29](#)

- The writer brings the scene well known to the Jews how God visited them on Mount Sinai—how threatening a sight and how unbearable the sound of his voice. A truly physical yet fearful it was to be in the presence of the Holy God when they were not holy. ([Exodus 19:10-13, 16-19](#))
- But the situation has now changed. Faith in God has brought you to Mount Zion, God’s city, the heavenly Jerusalem — the place where God will dwell with (the new) man. ([Revelation 21:1-5](#))
- The Christ now belongs to this city which we look forward where:
 - ◇ God dwells
 - ◇ God’s heavenly host — legions of angles with shouts of joy
 - ◇ Church of the firstborn — Jesus Christ and the assembly of saints with him whose names are written in the lambs book of life. ([Luke 10:20](#); [Revelation 3:5,13:8, 20:12, & 21:27](#))
- God is the judge of all and Jesus the mediator of a new covenant because of the blood that was shed for our redemption.

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- “See to it that ...” [Hebrews 12:25a](#) (NIV) another command, from Jesus Christ. We can’t take it lightly.
- Once more the earth will be shaken, not only the earth, but the heaven also. ([Haggai 2:6](#))
- Then Jesus and his saints will receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken (everlasting).
- We should be thankful for God’s work of redemption and worship Him only — lest we forget that “God is a consuming fire.” ([Deuteronomy 4:24](#); [Isaiah 33:14](#))

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