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## An Unshakable Kingdom (12:18-13:6)

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1. Compare and contrast the scene at Sinai with Zion.
  - a) Sinai (12:18-21):
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Zion (12:22-24):
  
2. Based upon their request of Moses, what appears to be the most intimidating part of the Israelite's Mt. Sinai experience? (cf. Exod. 19:9-15; 20:18-19)? What are they asking of Moses, and how does that compare to Jesus (cf. 12:24, 3:1-6)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Accessibility to God is an important theme throughout Hebrews, reaching its apex in this section. Consider the following alluding to the nearness of God:
  - a) "draw near to the throne of grace" (4:16)
  - b) "draw near to God through" Christ (7:25)
  - c) The law could not "make perfect those who draw near (10:1)
  - d) "draw near with a true heart" (10:19-22)
  - e) Whoever "draws near to God" must believe he exists (11:6)

Why do you think it is important for us to have access to God?

4. How is Abel's blood described in Gen. 4:10-11? What are similarities between the blood of Abel and the blood of Christ? Differences?

5. The author points to a prophecy in Hag. 2:6, building a “then vs. now” statement around the idea of shaking. What do you visualize with shaking?
  
6. Originally, this prophecy in Haggai would look forward to the time when God would *shake* the universe to free his people from captivity. Viewing OT prophecy through the new lens that Jesus and his work was the fulfillment of everything to which the OT pointed, how was/will this be fulfilled? What phrase does the author pull out of the prophecy to make it clear that this prophecy had not yet seen complete fulfillment?
  
7. What will remain that cannot be shaken after the “yet once more” removal of the things that are shaken (cf. Dan 2:44; 7:14; 7:18)?
  
8. List the two “let us” statements in 12:28. Why does the author end this section reminding his audience that “God is a consuming fire” (cf. Deut. 4:24)?
  
9. Whenever a NT author presents a list, usually the first on the list is the key item and can serve as a summary of all the others. What is the key item on this list in 13:1-6?
  
10. After listing exhortations in 13:1-5, the conclusion in 13:6 summarizes the attitude of the person who relies on the Lord (Ps. 118:6). Why was it important to remind the original audience of this divine truth?