

**FINISHING WELL**  
**HEBREWS 12:18-29**  
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**JESUS IS  
BETTER**  
A Study in Hebrews

## **SERMON NOTES & QUOTES**

### **Finishing Well**

#### 3 Ways to Finish Well

##### **1. Run in Grace (Hebrews 12:18-24)**

- The author contrasts two mountains:
  - Mount Sinai (Old Covenant)    Fear, distance, judgment.
  - Mount Zion (New Covenant)    Grace, invitation, intimacy with God.
- ◆ Sinai = Law – Rules, sacrifices, and fear.
- ◆ Zion = Grace – Jesus’ blood speaks a better word than Abel’s (forgiveness, not judgment).

##### Application:

- The Christian life isn’t just receiving grace—it’s trusting in what we can’t yet see.
- What’s your "Sinai"?
  - Old sins?
  - Old religious mindset?
  - Old ways of thinking that make you feel “in control”?

##### **2. Run in Faith (Hebrews 12:25-27)**

Hebrews 12:26-27 – A greater shaking is coming.

- Sinai shook the earth—Zion will shake everything.
- Only the eternal will remain.

Indicators of Fake Faith (Hebrews 12, Matthew 7, Hebrews 3):

1. Hearing the Word but not obeying.
2. No endurance when trials come.
3. Comfortable with sin.
4. Loving other things more than Jesus.

# SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

## 3. Run with Gratitude (Hebrews 12:28-29)

Packer's Quote: "Christian doctrine is grace, and Christian conduct is gratitude."

Gratitude vs. Entitlement (Life Examples):

- Workplace: Entitled employees demand; grateful employees serve.
- Marriage: Entitled spouses demand; grateful spouses love selflessly.
- Church: Entitled members critique; grateful members invest.
- School: Entitled students expect; grateful students appreciate.
- Trials: Entitled hearts resent suffering; grateful hearts trust God's purpose.

True Worship = Whole-Life Response

- Worship is more than Sunday songs—it's a life of honor, trust, and holiness.
- Are you worshiping in reverence, or just when it's convenient?

Final Challenge:

- If you've been drifting—anchor yourself in what is unshakable.
- If you've been half-hearted—surrender fully.
- If gratitude has been missing—realign your heart.

## DEEPENING OUR PRAYERFULNESS // PRAYER TARGETS

- Pray for Endurance in the Race of Faith
  - Ask God to help believers fix their eyes on Jesus and not grow weary.
  - Pray for those struggling with doubt, discouragement, or sin.
- Pray for Those Who Need to Leave "Sinai" Behind
  - Pray for those stuck in old habits, fears, or legalism to walk in grace.
  - Ask that God would free them from false security and lead them to deeper faith.
- Pray for an Unshakable Faith
  - Ask that God would help believers build their lives on what will last.
  - Pray for spiritual maturity and perseverance through trials.
- Pray for Gratitude to Shape Worship
  - Ask that God would remove entitlement and self-focus.
  - Pray that worship would be whole-hearted and life-changing.

### MARCH MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for he who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:23