

BENEFITS OF MOUNT ZION – HEBREWS 12:22-24

When one chooses to come to Zion, and not trust in Sinai, the Word of God tells us we have seven specific benefits outlined in Hebrews 12:22-24

1	You Inherit HEAVEN (heavenly Jerusalem)	“to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (He.12:22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heaven is a great place to think about. • Heaven is not just a perfect place, it is where Christ is. • Jesus went away to prepare heaven for us (Jn.14:1-3). We will be “In My Father’s house”. Right there with Him in His “house” (dwelling places).
2	Join the ANGELS in the presence of God	“to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly” (He.12:22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a gathering for celebration. • Every time someone gets saved the angels rejoice (Lk.15:10).
3	Join CHURCH BODY Enrolled in Heaven	“to... the church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven” (He.12:23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church believers are spiritually family with one another. • Believer’s names are written in Heaven. • We were enrolled before the foundation of the world. • None that the Father gives to Christ will be lost (Jn.10:28-29).
4	Enter the Presence of GOD THE FATHER Himself	“to God the Judge of all” (He.12:23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imagine what that meant to the Jewish recipients of the epistle to Hebrews. • The Jew would not even utter God’s name for fear of blaspheming it, and God would judge him. • We can approach God not at Sinai, but only at Zion. • When Jesus died the veil of the Temple was torn in half symbolizing no more barrier to God. • God will make us worthy to be in His presence by the imputed righteousness of the Son.
5	OT SAINTS [of Hebrews 11]	“to the spirits of just men made perfect” (He.12:23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were perfected by the cross of Christ (He.11:40). • They will get their resurrected bodies when Christ returns. But they are perfected in their spirits.
6	We Come to JESUS	“to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant” (He.12:24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is His redemptive name. He is the mediator of the New Covenant. • When we die or are resurrected we go immediately to be in Jesus’ presence.
7	Complete and FINAL ATONEMENT	“to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel” (He.12:24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abel made a good sacrifice, but Jesus made a better one. • He made a full, complete, and total forgiveness for us forever.