


Hebrews 12: Encouragement to Run the Race of the Christian Life with Patience (Part 3)

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 12:15-24

REVIEW

Hebrews 12 encourages the NT
grace-believer to:



Embrace grace for everyday
Christian life



Grow in grace



Never let go of grace

INTRODUCTION

◇ Vss 1-4 encourage us to:

◇ **Live by faith**

◇ cf ch 11 - OT examples of acts of faith

◇ **Jesus' example which encourages us to endure suffering in order to maintain a life by grace**

◇ Vss 5-15 encourage us to correctly respond to God's work of conforming us to the image (outward display) of His Son, by looking diligently to the result of God's grace:

◇ **showing forth image of His Son**

**An Illustration
of Failure to
Appreciate and
Use God's
Provision for
Present-Tense
Salvation
(Heb 12:16-17)**

By profaning grace (counting grace a common thing, nothing special, or hollowed)

- Illustration: a threshold to a building where every filthy foot and shoe treads upon it

Esau despised his birthright

- Gen 25:24

An Encouraging Contrast of Two Mountains

Hebrews 12:18-24

- ◇ A mountain where unobtainable righteous legal demands began
 - ◇ **Heb 12:18-21, cf Ex 19:9-19, 20:18-19**
- ◇ A mountain where grace continues to flourish (vss 22-24)
 - ◇ **Mt Sion, the city of the living God= the heavenly Jerusalem**
 - ◇ There is an earthly AND a heavenly Jerusalem
 - ◇ Gal 4:24-26, cf Ezek 44-48
 - ◇ OT revelation of the heavenly Jerusalem
 - ◇ Ps 48 1-2, cf Isa 14:12-13
 - ◇ Jesus' revelation of the New Jerusalem
 - ◇ Rev 3:12, 21:2,10

CONCLUSION

In light of our glorious future – which is ALL of grace - do not let our present-tense salvation by grace be neglected (given no regard, or make light of)

Heb 2:1-3 “Therefore, we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away...”

