

Warning Against Refusing God - Hebrews 12:14-29

Topics: Angels, Bitterness, Celebration, Heaven, Holiness, Immorality, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Mediator, New Covenant, Peace, Unbelievers

Open It

1. What causes bitterness?
2. How do you think you would react if your life were suddenly threatened by a severe earthquake, volcanic eruption, or avalanche?
- * 3. What are some warnings that you have been grateful for? Why?

Explore It

4. To what extent are Christians to try to resolve conflicts? Why? (12:14)
5. In what way should believers pursue holiness? Why? (12:14)
- * 6. Why is holiness important? (12:14)
7. What wrong attitude should we watch out for? (12:15)
- * 8. What kinds of things do Christians need to watch out for? Why? (12:15-17, 25-27)
9. What did Esau do that is described as godless? (12:16)
10. What did Esau's godless behavior cost him? (12:17)
11. In what ways was the old covenant intimidating or frightening? (12:18-21)
12. How is Mount Sinai described—the place where the old covenant was revealed? (12:18)
13. How did the author describe the new covenant? (12:22-24)
14. In what way were God's thunderous pronouncements from Sinai only a foreshadowing of what is to come? (12:26-27)
15. Of what kind of kingdom are Christians a part? (12:28)
16. How should God's promises and glorious kingdom affect believers? (12:28)
- * 17. How should we worship God? Why? (12:28-29)

Get It

18. Why is it difficult to get along with some people?
19. When we have conflicts with one another, why do we typically want the other person to make the first move toward reconciliation?
- * 20. What roadblocks make it difficult for you to pursue holiness?
21. How would you counsel a friend who was extremely bitter?
22. What are some ways wrong values and impulsive actions might bring heartache and grief?
23. What does it mean to live at peace with everyone?
24. What is dangerous about bitterness?
25. How is your view of God different as a result of studying this passage?
26. For which of God's acts on your behalf are you most thankful?
- * 27. What does it mean to worship God with reverence and awe?

Apply It

28. What bitter or unforgiving attitudes do you need to confess today?
- * 29. What practical steps can you take this week to avoid becoming bitter toward someone who has hurt you?
30. What actions do you need to take today so that you can truly say you have made every effort to live in peace with everyone?