

**Mountains Are
For Climbing**

Symbolic mountains

...Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done – Mt.21:21

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low... – Lk.3:5

...and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains.... – 1 Co.13:2

I. Moriah – Mountain Of Faith (Obedience)

Gn.22

- 1-5: Abraham's supreme test. Hb.11:19
 - Abraham will give up anything to please God.
 - Obedience is active, not passive.
Hb.11:17

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Grace trains in obedience:
‘teaching us’ . . .

‘To train children’ (Ac.22:3).

1 T.1:20, deliver to satan to
learn not to blaspheme.

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- 1. False choice. Tit.2:11-12
- 2. Fantasy choice. Hb.5:9 requires us to do what He did – obey.
- 3. Fleshly choice. No bargains from death row.
- Jesus learned obedience by suffering, not mere agreement.

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- To obey is to surrender our will to Lord's.

'I don't enjoy Bible study / worship...'

Does this excuse you?

'Not fair for me to work...till others do'

What could Jesus say? Abraham?

2 Th.1:8

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Ex.19:18-19, Law

No one dared add to /take from it,

Hb.12:18-21

1. Later, away from presence of God, they dared. Dt.4:2
 2. 'Blinded by the Bible'?? Ac.28:26-27
- Ex.20: highest moral code at that time
 - Where did it originate?
 - Mt.5-7, highest moral code of all time

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Num.20:22-29, death of Aaron

- Moses removes garments he formerly put on Aaron (Ex.29:5-6)
- Why? Nu.20:12, 24
- 1 Th.4:13-17

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Dt.32:48-52; 34:1-7

- Moses saw promised land from mountain, then died
 1. Sin is not our friend.
 2. Sin comes in varieties and 'sizes'; each is deadly.
 3. Sin brings consequences.
- Mt.17, Moses did enter Canaan
 - Dirt meant nothing in presence of Jesus

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1 K.18, Elijah and Israel

Double-minded, 21

1. Elijah expected Israel to know true God, 21 – even **before** this contest.
2. Quantity ≠ quality, 22.
3. One man with God is a majority, 22.
4. God hates error / lying, 29.
5. No one can serve two masters, 37.
6. False gods fail us in the end, 26, 40

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Truth is exclusive: 2 Th.2:10-12

¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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**VI. Zion – Mountain
Of Salvation In Christ**

Isa.2:2-3

² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the Lord's house
Shall be established on the top of the
mountains, And shall be exalted above the
hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

³ Many people shall come and say, "Come,
and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob; He will
teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His
paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Hebrews 12:22-24

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, **23** to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **24** to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.