

4. **Read Hebrews 12:1-3.** These verses are not only the conclusion of what was written in chapter 11 but they are the point of the whole book. Consider and share some of the ways that your life would be different if you lived these verses out in the way suggested in this John Piper quote?

"The race of the Christian life - is not fought well or run well by asking, "what's wrong with this or that?" but by asking, "is it in the way of greater faith and greater love and greater purity and greater courage and greater humility and greater patience and greater self-control? Not; is it a sin? But: Does it help me run! Is it in the way?"

5. **Read Hebrews 12:3-14.** These verses are sober reminders that God did not design or purpose that the Christian life would be free from suffering and hardship—our personal comfort or material prosperity do not seem to be His aim. What is God's aim and what are His methods according to these verses?
6. **Read Hebrews 12:15-29.** Here the author sets up another comparison to make his point. List as many points of comparison as you can between Mount Sinai where Moses received the Old Covenant and Mount Zion and the New Covenant.

Mount Sinai

Mount Zion

7. **Read Hebrews 13.** This book was written to people living in a pluralistic world just as we do. The author closes his book by painting a picture of what life in the *kingdom that cannot be shaken* looks like. What are the characteristics that set Christians apart from the world around them?