

## *“Staring into the Face of Holiness”*

Portrait of Our  
Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 12:18-29  
part 50

### INTRODUCTION

- our casual address of Almighty God...

### *1. The terrifying holiness of God*

- God's demand and the peoples' (stated) delight

Ex. 19:5-8

- into the presence of God

Ex. 19:9-19

- can any man stare into the face of holiness and live?

Rev. 1:17; Deut. 5:23-27

### *2. Approaching the Holy One*

- contrast of physical Mt. Sinai with spiritual Mt. Zion

Heb. 11:10; Rev. 21:1-2; Eph. 2:6; Phil. 3:20

- *But you have come...*

- + to Mt. Zion
- + to myriads of angels
- + to the church of the firstborn
- + to God the Judge of all
- + to the spirits of the righteous
- + to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant
- + to the sprinkled blood

- author's point in this contrast (v.18-24):

### *3. Consumed (or not) by God's holiness*

- warning: do not refuse the Lord!

Ex. 32:1

- future consumption by the Lord

Hag. 2:6-7; Is. 13:13; Joel 3:14-16

### CONCLUSION

- my right response to God's holiness

2 Pet. 3:11-14