Questions on Hebrews chapter 12

1. Who are the witnesses? Are they watching from the spirit world? What is “the sin which doth so easily beset us”? What is necessary to complete the race? Verse 1.

2. What will keep us from becoming distracted in running the Christian race? How did Jesus manage to endure the cross while despising the shame? Verse 2.

3. What “contradiction of sinners” did Jesus endure? What should a consideration of Jesus do for us? Verse 3.

4. Why was the cowardice of those who were about to backslide inexcusable? What is “chastening” and how does it indicate that they were the Lord’s children? Verses 4-5.

5. What two things are evident from the chastening of the Lord? Verses 6-7.

6. Why would chastisement prove they were true children of God? Who is “the Father of spirits” and what are the consequences of being in subjection to him? Verses 8-9.

7. What is developed in us by the Lord’s chastening? What does good discipline or chastening yield? Verses 10-11.

8. Where is this passage found in the Old Testament? Of what is this a figure? What is the remedy for weakness and lameness? Verses 12-13.

9. Would the pursuit of peace be something active or passive? What is holiness? What quality of life is necessary if we would see God? Verse 14.

10. What is our obligation to someone who may be lagging behind? What is a “root of bitterness” and what is characteristic of a “root”? Verse 15.

11. What four things are we to look for? In what way was Esau an irreligious or profane person? Verse 15-16.

12. Did the repentance that Esau sought have to do with his final destiny or a change concerning the blessing that he forfeited? Verse 17.

13. What was the mount that “might be touched”? What was awesome and terrifying about the mount? Were they allowed to touch it? Verse 18.

14. What happened after the trumpet sounded long and louder and louder? Verse 19.

15. Why did the people entreat or beg not to have the word spoken to them? Why were beasts to be killed if they touched the mountain? Verse 20.

16. What emotion did the scenes around the mountain arouse in the observers? Verse 21.

17. Where was Mount Zion? Can it be touched or is it a type of the heavenly Jerusalem? Where do the angels dwell? Verse 22.

18. Who are those who are “written in heaven”? How can God be called “the Judge of all”? Who are “the spirits of just men made perfect”? Verse 23.

19. Who is the mediator of the New Covenant? What is it about the “blood of sprinkling” that is better than “that of Abel”? Verse 24.

20. Who is it that speaketh under the New Covenant? What is the danger in refusing “him that speaketh”? Verse 25. (See Hebrews 1:2)

21. Whose voice shook the earth at the giving of the Law? To what is the shaking of both heaven and earth a metaphorical reference? Verse 26.

22. How long will the shaking continue and what will be left? Verse 27.

23. What is different about the kingdom of Christ? We are to have grace or be grateful for such a kingdom. How are we to serve God acceptably? Verse 28.

24. What has God always been to the willfully disobedient? Verse 29.