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HEBREWS 12:14-29
"The City Of The Living God"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

"It is important that God's people live as God's people. They are not to take their standards from the ungodly." *Leon Morris*

The contagion of sin is a terrible disease. *A. T. Robertson*

The completion of all believers in both testaments is found in Christ. *R. C. H. Lenski*

A person's perception of God now, is conditioned by his real measure of holiness. *Zane C. Hodges*

A bitter root bears bitter fruit. If someone has sown bitterness in a community of believers in due time that bitterness will manifest itself. It will cause trouble. This bitterness corrupts people. It is imperative that the church address sinful behavior.

God is a consuming fire. To those who are His, He wants all of you. To those who rebel, He is the one who will do away with them. The lost overlook this wrath to their peril.

The world we now live in is transitory. It will pass away. This world will undergo a cosmic catastrophe, thereby leaving only the eternal. The Kingdom of God is eternal, not shaken. This second and final shaking will occur at the Second Coming Of Jesus Christ.

Peace in the church is needed to keep some from being corrupted. A church with "problems" has misled many.

Application:

When Esau sought his birthright it was not with *Metanoia*, a change of mind and purpose. Esau was repentant but with wrong motifs. He did not have a change of mind and heart but suffered from buyer's remorse. This was not an unpardonable sin that necessarily sent him to hell. It is like one losing their virginity, once gone, it is gone forever with no recall. Esau could have come back to God. But he could not undo his act. This is not a question of forgiveness. God's forgiveness is always open to the penitent. Sin does have consequences.