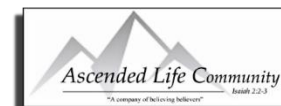


## Our Heavenly Paradigm – Heb 12

“Set your affections on things above” – Col 3:1-3



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**Heb 12:22-24, 29** paints an amazing picture to help us understand our new paradigm... the Heavenly realm. Because we believe God’s Word is true, we now activate our golden (Holy Spirit inspired) imagination as a way to begin to engage with each of these truths (below). As we become more familiar with these dynamic realities, we find that each of them is filled with their own unique life-giving power and impact.

These Heb 12 realities have already occurred. We “*have come*” means that it is past tense. When did it happen?... At our conversion. These realities are true whether we believe in them or not. But as we believe and act upon them, we get to enjoy their benefits.

So as not to forget, we set our affections on these things above... so that they will soon become our default realities.

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**1) But you have come to Mount Zion,**

Wow, Father! I’m here... NOW!!

**2) to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**

The hosts of Heaven are waiting to meet and partner with me

**3) You have come to innumerable angels in joyful assembly,**

There are too many to count... and they are so HAPPY

And one of they’re missions is to minister to those who inherit salvation – Me!

**4) to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.**

Since my name is ‘written in Heaven’ then I and all believers (alive and passed-on) are here waiting to engage with each other

**5) You have come to God, the Judge of all,**

You judge me righteous... because of Jesus’ blood over my heart and life

My mind is being renewed to this reality!

**6) to the spirits of the just men made perfect, (Heb 11:40, 12:1)**

Holy Spirit what is the appropriate interaction for my maturity level?

**7) to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and**

It’s all about You, Jesus. So glad to be here with You

No more distance or delay. No more living afar off!

You made it so simple and easy to access You – Jn 10:9

**8) to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

I love the power of Your blood over my life Jesus

It is cleansing, protecting and empowering me.

**9) to God who is a consuming fire**

Father, Thank You for lovingly burning up all the dross in me... and awaken fiery passion