



ZION!

Hebrews
12:22.

*But ye are
come unto
mount Sion,
and unto the
city of the
living God,
the heavenly
Jerusalem,
and to an
innumerable
company of
angels,*

Zion is not a place in heaven; it is a realm in God. People have misunderstood the true meaning of Zion. In reality it is quite different from what people have thought. Today, the emphasis is that, when we are born again by the Spirit of God, we find a berth in heaven after our death. This is Scriptural no doubt, but the early disciples did not give such an emphasis to their messages. Nor did this form the major part of the teaching of the early apostles.

When a person accepts Jesus as His Saviour and Lord, the important thing is that the person has come to a new place or realm. He has not only become a new person in Christ **but he has also come to a new place in Christ.** Yes, he has **come to Zion**, the city of God, and the place of the consummation of all things in Christ. Many of us understand that we have become new

beings in Christ (“*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*” *2 Corinthians 5:17*), but not many realise that we have come to a new place also. It must be a revelation to our spirit that we have not only received a new life but have come into a new place and realm in God. Just as the Israelites, in the Old Covenant, came out of Egypt and saw Zion on the horizon as a reality in their lives, so we of the New Covenant have also come to the reality of Zion in our lives. **The Scripture does not say that we are coming to Mt. Zion, but that we have already come to Mt Zion, which is the picture of the consummation of all things in Christ.**

It took the Israelites forty-one years to move from Egypt to the borders of Canaan and several more years to make Zion their habitation. The children of Israel moved from place to place, one step at a time, in their journey to their utopia. There is a mention of these

'journeys' in the book of Numbers, more than in any other book of the Old Testament.

'Journeys' and 'journeyed' are words that are repeated again and again. It is interesting to see that in the New

Testament, the words 'come', 'cometh' and 'coming', signifying an 'arriving' figures in greater abundance.

We have come to Mt Zion whereas they were journeying to Mt Zion. In the olden days, the Lord spoke to the prophets on different occasions, here a little, there a little. God moved the people forward in stages, as from one tabernacle to the other. But now in the New Covenant, all things are centred round Christ.

Zion talks of a people

--- a people living and walking in the complete and perfect work of Christ.

Though Zion talks of Jesus Christ as a Person; it also talks of a people in the complete and perfect work of Christ. It is an inclusive and comprehensive term. In other words, it applies to people who have an understanding of the all-inclusive and all-

comprehending
thought and
intentions of God in
His Son. Zion is God's
portrait of a
corporate people - a
people who are in
the good of the
complete and perfect
work of the Lord Jesus
Christ - a people who
are the vessel of that
work of the Lord
which is complete.
Hallelujah!

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