

Vicar Joshua Woelmer, Lutheran Student Fellowship / LCMS U at OU  
LSF / LCMS U Bible Study – Hebrews  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**A Study of the Book of Hebrews:  
God Speaks to Us through His Son**  
*Lesson 12: Hebrews 12, “Confessing Christ in our World”*

**Part 1: Hebrews 12:1-2, “Our Cloud of Witnesses”**

1. When Progressives in our culture say “History is against you,” what are they really claiming? However, how do we Christians know that we are not alone in our struggle to confess Christ in this unbelieving world?

2. How does verse 1 explain the Christian reality of “Simul justus et peccator”? How do we “lay aside every weight...and sin”?

3. What is the encouragement for us now in our life?

4. Our race or fight is not without its goal. What are we to look to in this life?

5. How can we call Jesus the author of our faith? What is its “completion” or “perfection”?

6. What is the joy that was set before Jesus?

7. Another way to say “despising the shame” is “not caring about the shame.” How is Jesus an example for us in instances where we may be shamed in this world?

**Part 2: Hebrews 12:3-17, “God’s Discipline Is for Our Good”**

8. Many people speak of Christ as an example. How does the author to the Hebrews use “Christus Exemplar” in his writing?

9. How have the recipients not yet followed Jesus to the ultimate end?
10. How are we to view the discipline of God?
11. Knowing what our goal is, what are some encouragements for our life?
12. How did Esau react to the consequences of his sin and the discipline that God meted out?

**Part 3: Hebrews 11:18-29, “The Two Mountains of God”**

13. What are the two mountains of God mentioned here? What is the contrast that is pictured?
14. Where is Mount Zion present for us? What is present there?
15. What does Abel’s blood cry out for? Christ’s?
16. How is our worship to be directed? (v 28)

**Don’t Forget!**

**Holy Week Services:**

Holy (Maundy) Thursday: 7:30 pm  
Good Friday Litany and Readings: 9:00 am and 12:00 noon  
Good Friday Chief Service: 3:00 pm  
Good Friday Tenebrae: 7:30 pm  
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil): 11:00 pm  
Easter Morning- 8:00 am and 10:30 am

**Upcoming Events:**

April 29<sup>th</sup>: End of the Year Party, Grilling, and Vicarage Call Service  
May 4<sup>th</sup>: TLC Picnic at Andrews Park, 3-5