

Session 5 Who Speaks In Heaven's Courts

Introduction:

In a courtroom there is the judge, attorneys, witnesses, bailiffs, recorders, jury and others as well.

There are many who can speak in Heaven's Courts and we need to learn about them.

I realize you are ready to run into the courtroom of Heaven and present your case, however, if there are things that will bolster your case you should know about them.

We should utilize everything at our disposal to counter the accusations and ensure a Kingdom judgment.

Remember: If there is a lack of manifestation of Kingdom purpose, it is because we have not granted the Father the legal right to release His passion toward us.

Isaiah 43:25–27 *"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.*

"Put Me in remembrance,

Put Me in Remembrance ... give Me a reason, a legal reason, to fulfill what I previously ordained that is recorded in My books.

When we give God a legal reason, the accuser is silenced and Heaven is set in motion to manifest on Earth.

1 John 5:14-15 *This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask (make a specific request) anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*

So our objective is to make a specific legal argument that is in accordance to what is written in Heaven's books and do it with proper protocol.

Romans 8:26–27 *... the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

1 Corinthians 14:20 *Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.*

Ephesians 4:13 *until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.*

Colossians 4:12 *Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.*

Hebrews 5:14 *But solid food is for the mature, ...*

Hebrews 6:1 *Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity,*

Christ is better

Hebrews 8:1 Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

New Covenant Christ the Mediator

Hebrews 10:19–20 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us

Faith – to win over, persuade. Belief in the truth. As a technical term indicative of the means of appropriating what God in Christ has for man

Hall of faith. They all appropriated what God had for them ...

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

What is our race? To see His will done in our lives (those things written about us in our book)

Do not disregard discipline, pursue peace with all men, do not become bitter ...

Then scripture says:

Hebrews 12:18–24 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, **19** and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. **20** For they could not bear the command, "IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED." **21** And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling." **22** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (God's Governmental Center), and to myriads of angels, **23** to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, **24** and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Integral to this study is understanding "Mt. Zion".

King David's first order of business as King was to bring the Ark into Jerusalem and set up 24 hour worship every day. That worship center was on Mt. Zion.

Therefore, people tend to think that Mt. Zion is about worship. It is not about worship, it is about the purpose of worship.

King David commissioned worship to host the presence of the Lord so that from His presence David could govern a nation.

Out of worship comes the governing authority of God through His church.

When we worship there is a rearranging of the heavenly until Heaven is allowed to enter the Earth realm.

Psalms 110:1–2 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." **2** The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."

One purpose of the activity of Zion is rulership and governmental authority. Worship allows the rod of God's strength to be wielded against His enemies.

So, when the scripture says we have come to Mt. Zion it is saying we have come to a governmental place in God. Note also that we are not trying to get to Mt. Zion but as believers we are there.

Isaiah 2:1–4 *The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. 3 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law (instruction, legal directives, codes of law) will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples;*

Jesus when speaking to His disciples after their unsuccessful attempt to cast a demon out of a boy said:

Matthew 17:19–21 *Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” 20 And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. 21 “But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”*

Jesus informed them that they were dealing with a demonic mountain in the spirit. This was not an ordinary demonic imp but a spiritual mountain.

Because they had not recognized this they had been unsuccessful.

This required just a little more faith than they exhibited and a greater realm of authority to move it out of the way.

First, pre-trial preparation (prayer and fasting) then “speaking to the mountain” a courtroom case to get a judgment from the Judge.

Hebrews 12:22-24 gives us 8 voices that speak in the Courtrooms of Heaven.

Hebrews 12:22–24 *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.*

We will look at these 8 and a few others and their effect in the courts. We want to learn to come into agreement with these voices and get verdicts rendered so that God’s will is done on Earth.

I. Voices In The Courts

A. The Voice of Blood

Genesis 4:8–12 *Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” 10 He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground. 11 “Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. 12 “When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.”*

1. The testimony of blood is powerful

- a. The High Priest once a year would go behind the veil and sprinkle blood on the mercy seat. On the testimony of that blood God would render a verdict on the sins of a nation to be rolled back one more year or not.

2. Jesus' Blood

- a. Jesus' blood cries out for forgiveness. As Jesus was being crucified He cried out for forgiveness. Resulting in salvation.

Luke 23:33–34 *When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. 34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."*

- b. Not only did Jesus' blood provide salvation, it purchased all creation back to God.
- c. Jesus' blood will not be silent until all that He bought at the cross is legally appropriated and set in place as a reality on the Earth.
- d. It is our job to agree with the testimony of His blood, it is legal testimony in the courtrooms of Heaven for this.

3. Blood of Martyrs

Revelation 6:9–10 *When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (the answer is no, He will not refrain)*

- a. The martyrs are crying for the avenging of their blood. This could cause us to believe they are crying for someone to be punished for the spilling of their blood.
- b. What they desire is the reason their blood was spilt to matter. In other words they laid down their lives so that people and nations could be redeemed and they are asking for souls.
- c. The Moravians were a people who were sold out to the Lord. Many of them would sell themselves into slavery, then be placed on slave ships and transported to distant nations. They did this so they might reach unevangelized peoples with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Scripture says their blood is one way Satan is overcome

Revelation 12:11 *"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."*

B. The Mediator Speaks

1. The purpose of a mediator is to bring parties together into a place of agreement. Mediators and mediation is a legal function that is a pre-trial process

Hebrews 12:24 *and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, ...*

2. In this instance The Heavenly Mediator is bringing God and man together in agreement.

1 Timothy 2:5 *For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*

3. A mediator is fair with both parties; able to see where each party stands. Jesus understands the demands of holiness, purity and righteousness that The Judge maintains; as well as understanding our frailty, where we live and what we war against.
4. Jesus is also present in the court proceedings to mediate into place everything that is legally ours by virtue of His sacrifice on the cross. God made promises based on Jesus' sacrifice and Jesus can answer every accusation of the Accuser so that we have what He legally bought and paid for.
5. Jesus is presenting before the courts our legal claims based on what He accomplished. The Accuser is pointing out why God cannot grant what Jesus paid for to us. This is usually based on an issue of lack of holiness on our part and requires our repentance and application of Jesus' blood to release what is rightfully ours.
6. We cannot excuse our sin. Everything that is necessary for us to overcome has been provided. Jesus' voice as Mediator is speaking in the courts of Heaven. From His voice and agreement with His voice testimony is released that grants God the legal right to fulfill His passion. When we understand this we do not have to pull back in shame but enter in true repentance and forgiveness from the Lord.

C. The Testimony of Just Men Made Perfect

Revelation 4:4 *Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.*

Hebrews 12:1–2 *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

1. Witnesses – those who give judicial testimony
2. This great cloud of witnesses has a role in the courts of Heaven. They have a voice concerning the purposes for which they laid down their lives.
3. The saints of old are still invested in the causes for which they laid down their lives. They are not just cheering from a grandstand but have a voice and a testimony in Heaven's courts. This is what the term spirits of men made perfect refers to.

Hebrews 12:23 *to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,*

Hebrews 11:39–40 *And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.*

4. We can complete that which they started One example is the salvation of Israel and it becoming a light to the Nations. Would the testimony of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, etc. be useful in presenting a court case for the revelation of Messiah to come?

5. Through their testimony judgments can be released from the throne that is instrumental in establishing God's will on Earth. They have a function as judicial witnesses in the process.

a. This is NOT praying to the saints but incorporating their voice into the process

May we learn to use their testimony and flow in agreement with them for God's purposes in the Earth.

6. Precedent Counts

a. If God made a judgment for someone or some people in the past ... Daniel, Moses. Noah, Nineveh, Job, Corinth, Ephesus, etc. ... then bringing their testimony to the court is evidence against the accuser.

Moses' model ...

Deuteronomy 1:17 *'You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike.*

Paul wrote:

Romans 2:11 *For there is no partiality with God.*

Peter said ...

Acts 10:34 *Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,*

1 Peter 1:17 *... address as Father the One who impartially judges ...*