

**JESUS –
A Consuming Fire
Hebrews 12:12-29 – Lesson 21**

- I. Finishing Well - How to Run Hebrews 12:12-14
Following Jesus is like a marathon, we are in it for the long haul, not a short run.
- A. Run with **determination**.
To run a marathon takes grit, determination.
- B. Run as a **team**.
Every consideration should be made to help everyone to finish the race.
- C. Run with a **purpose**.
We must run the “marathon” with the correct pursuit.
1. Pursue **peace**
 2. Pursue **holiness**
- II. Finishing Well - How to Guard Hebrews 12:15-17
The author (under Divine inspiration) warns us what to guard against in the Marathon.
- A. Guard against **missing** God’s **grace**.
Every believer has an abundance of grace available to him.
1. Make sure there is no **unconfessed sin** in our lives
 2. Make sure we are not “**starving**” from spiritual **food**
 3. Make sure we are a part of the **Bride** of **Christ**
- B. Guard against **wrong attitudes**.
Every believer is warned against turning away from following God.
- C. Guard against **wrong appetites**.
Every believer is being warned against following shallow pursuits.
- III. Coming to the Seven Joys of Faith Hebrews 12:18-24
The author (under divine inspiration) focuses our attention on the wonders that the New Covenant offers.
- A. Coming to the **New Jerusalem**
Believers are the citizens of the Heavenly city.
- B. Coming to the **angels**
Believers will join myriads of angels worshipping in awe.
- C. Coming to our “**family**” in **Christ**
Believers are a “society of eldest sons.” Bishop Wescott
- D. Coming to **God**, the **Father**
Believers gather before our gracious, merciful Father.
- E. Coming to the **Church gone before** us
Believers are included with the Church glorified.
- F. Coming to **Jesus**, our **Mediator**
Believers come to the Source and Dispenser of our hope.
- G. Coming to **forgiveness** through the **blood**
Believers have forgiveness and peace with God.
- IV. Our Response Hebrews 12:25-29
- A. We need to come with **awed thanksgiving**.
- B. We need to come with **balance**.