

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"The Danger Of Neglect"
Hebrews 2:1-4
Study-3

Hebrews 1-6 – A Superior Person: Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:4-2:18 – Jesus, Better Than Angels

"5 Problem Passages In Hebrews"

1st Drifting From The Word – 2:1-4 (Neglect)

The Thought Of Our Passage: "We Must Listen To Jesus, Because Ignoring Him Leads To Severe Penalties. Submitting To Jesus Brings Wonderful Benefits."

1. Verse 1 – The Urgent Appeal

2. Verse 2 – Old Testament Analogy

3. Verses 3-4 – Our Obligation

1. Verse 1 – The Urgent Appeal:

Hebrews 2:1

"For this reason" – "Therefore," – "What is the therefore there for?"

"we must pay much closer attention" – "to attach oneself to, to adhere to, to give assent to, consider carefully, continue to believe, hold firmly to a belief, continue to give oneself to."

"to what we have heard," – The Redemptive Gospel, centered in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ; "have heard," (From The Son).

Hear – "to perceive sounds that do not necessarily require or create action."

Listen – "to pay thoughtful attention to sounds that enter the ear and then evoke positive results; devotion, apply oneself."

Hebrews 3:14

Hebrews 6:19

"lest we drift away from it." – The Greek word for "drift away" means "to float passively past; used as a ring that slips off a finger, or water which leaks away from a faulty jar"; allowing the great truths to be lost! "The person is stationary and the things that are heard flow by him."

Ephesians 4:14

John 14:26

There are 3 Key Words that I want to note in our passage:

neglect – Attitude towards Revelation

drift away – Result of neglect

salvation – That which is neglected

Hebrews 10:25

(NLT) Proverbs 24:33-34

2. Verse 2 – Old Testament Analogy:

Hebrews 2:2

Deuteronomy 33:2

Galatians 3:19

“proved unalterable,” – At times retribution was swift; at other times it seemed to slumber; but it always came.

“and every transgression” – “crossing a known boundary, crossing a line, refusing to obey” (sins of commission).

“and disobedience” – “neglecting to obey” (sins of omission).

“received a just recompense,” – “what was due.”

Leviticus 10:1-7 – Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire before God; they died.

Joshua 7 – Achan kept spoils from Jericho.

The Flood

Sodom and Gomorrah

Lot

Numbers 25:1-2

Numbers 25:9 – “And those who died by the plague were 24,000.”

Heb 13:4

Numbers 15:30

3. Verses 3-4 – Our Obligation:

Hebrews 2:3

“neglect” – Matthew 22:5

1 Timothy 4:14

Note that the author did not write “rejecting” but “neglecting!”

“so great a salvation” – 7X in Hebrews. “Salvation” mentioned more than in any other book of the NT.

2 Peter 3:18

Philippians 2:12

2 Corinthians 5:10

Salvation Is Divine – Acts 4:12

Salvation Is Free – Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8

Salvation Is Sufficient – Hebrews 7:25

Salvation Is Universal – Romans 3:22-23

Salvation Is Everlasting – John 3:16

The Unanswerable Question: “how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” Escape is absolutely impossible.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

The Greatness Of Salvation Is Illustrated In 3 Ways:

1. Greatness Of Salvation Proclaimed By The Lord: “After it was at the first spoken through the Lord,”

Mark 1:15

Matthew 20:28

Luke 19:10

The Great Commission, The Final Word's Of Jesus To His Disciples: Matthew 28:18-20.

Old Testament Teaching Was Revitalized By Jesus. Jesus Explained It In Its Truest Light.

Matthew 5:21; Exodus 20:13

Matthew 5:22

Matthew 5:27; Exodus 20:14

Matthew 5:28-30

2. Greatness Of Salvation Confirmed By Eyewitnesses: "it was confirmed to us by those who heard," – Acts 1:3

2 Peter 1:16-18

1 John 1:1-2

Hebrews 2:4

3. Greatness Of Salvation Through Various Signs: "God also bearing witness with them," – God Confirmed His Witness By 3 Manifestations:

1. Signs And Wonders: "both by signs and wonders" – (Convince the Jews) "signs and wonders" is found 11X in the New Testament. Signs – reveal the nature of God; Wonders – awakes awe and fear.

1 Corinthians 1:22

2. Various Miracles: "and by various miracles" – (Were to convince the Gentiles) Acts 3:1-10 – Healing; Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11.

3. Gifts Of The Holy Spirit: "and by gifts of the Holy Spirit" – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (Confirm the message to the Christians).

1 Corinthians 12:11

Application:

1. The Word Of God Always Demands A Response.
2. More Spiritual Problems Are Caused By Neglect Than Perhaps By Any Other Failure On Our Part.
3. In Old Testament Times, Retribution Was Swift; At Other Times It Seemed To Slumber; But It Always Came.
4. What Must I Do To Be Lost? "Nothing!" What Must I Do To Remain Immature? "Nothing!"