

SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 2:1-4 we are shown 3 reasons we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard God say through His Son (v. 1a).

- I. Reason 1: Otherwise we will drift away (v. 1b).
- II. Reason 2: Otherwise we will not escape punishment.
 - A. Since those who did not listen to and obey God's law delivered by angels received the penalty they deserved (v. 2) . . .
 - B. How will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation (v. 3a)?
- III. Reason 3: This salvation is validated as true by 3 witnesses.
 - A. First by Jesus (v. 3b).
 - B. Then by the ear-witnesses (v. 3c).
 - C. Then by God.
 1. By signs and wonders (v. 4a).
 2. By miracles (v. 4b).
 3. By the Holy Spirit's distribution of gifts (v. 4c).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 9, 2020

Passage: Hebrews 2:1-4

Memory Passage: Hebrews 2:1

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 2:1-4.** How does “therefore” (v. 1) function? In other words, what is the “therefore” “there for?”
- (b) To whom does “we” refer? Why is it important for us to understand who is being exhorted?
- (c) What is it the readers have “heard” to which they must pay close attention?
- (d) What does “closer” tell you about the “attention” they have been giving to what they have heard?
- (e) How, exactly, will the hearers “drift away” if they are not more careful in their hearing?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 2:1-4.** How does the word “For” which heads v. 2 show us the structure of these 4 verses?
- (b) What was “the message” and how was it “declared by angels” (cf. Deut. 33:2; Acts 7:38, 53; Gal. 3:19)?
- (c) How did people under the law commit a “transgression or disobedience” (i.e. what did that look like; if it helps, the Greek word translated “reliable” might also be translated “true, abiding” or “legally binding”)?
- (d) What was the “just retribution” they received?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 2:1-4.** To what does “such a great salvation” refer (v. 3)?
- (b) How must one “pay . . . attention” to what one has heard?
- (c) From what is it doubtful we will “escape” if we neglect such a salvation?
- (d) Explain the *a fortiori* (Latin for “for a still stronger reason” used to describe an argument “from the lesser to the greater”) argument being used in vs. 2-3. What does this say about the relationship between the law and salvation spoken by the Son?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb 2:1-4.** Who are the 3 witnesses attesting to this great salvation (vs. 3b-4)?
- (b) Explain how God (the 3rd witness) bore witness to this salvation (v. 4).
- (c) According to whose will were the gifts distributed (i.e. God or the Holy Spirit)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 2:1-4.** How, specifically, can believers (cf. “we” 3x in vs. 1-3) “neglect such a great salvation?”
- (b) In what ways does neglecting, or not paying close attention, to this salvation cause us to drift away? Be specific.
- (c) What is the “just retribution” believers should expect if one continues to “drift away” from “such a great salvation?”
- (d) In vs. 1-4, what is the relationship between signs & wonders & miracles and revelation? How does this fact help you engage someone who believes that revelation from God continues outside of Scripture? How does it help you engage someone who believes powerful ministry requires the demonstration of signs & wonders or miracles?
- (e) In what ways do you need to pay “much closer” attention to God’s word spoken by His Son? How will you accomplish this during the coming weeks?

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Do Not Neglect Such a Great Salvation!