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A Study of the Book of Hebrews

SO GREAT A SALVATION!
HEBREWS 2:1-4

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Introduction: The writer of Hebrews has made a detailed case for the superiority of Jesus Christ over two of the most important elements of Judaism: the prophets and the angels. Now the writer pauses to issue one of many “warning passages” in his letter – a severe warning for every one of us today.

I. The Context Of The Warning

Hebrews 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”

Hebrews 2:1-4 ¹ “For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard. ⁴ God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.”

II. The Warning

Hebrews 2:1 “For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.”

Matthew 22:1-6 ¹ “And Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying, ² ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king, who gave a wedding feast for his son. ³ And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. ⁴ Again he sent out other slaves saying, “Tell those who have been invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.” ⁵ But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, ⁶ and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.”

III. Reasons For The Warning

A. The Superiority of God's Messenger (Hebrews 2:1)

Hebrews 2:1 “For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.”

B. The Severity of God's Judgment (Hebrews 2:2)

Hebrews 2:2 “For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense,”

Habakkuk 1:13a “Thine eyes are too pure to approve evil, and Thou canst not look on wickedness with favor.”

Deuteronomy 27:26 “Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them. And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’”

James 2:10 “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.”

C. The Sufficiency of God's Salvation (Hebrews 2:3-4)

Hebrews 2:3-4 ³ “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard. ⁴ God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.”

1. It is without cost

Revelation 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.”

2. It is without condition

Romans 11:29 “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

John 10:28 “And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.”

3. It is without constraint

Colossians 2:13 “And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,”

Conclusion