

WARNING: PAY ATTENTION

Hebrews 2:1-4

INTRODUCTION:

R. Kent Hughes: Some in the church were also in danger of being blown away from their moorings and drifting away from the truth of Christ and back into “the Dead Sea of Judaism.” In an effort to counter this, the writer has held high the supremacy of Christ:

- **his _____ supremacy as the final word of God (vv. 1, 2),**
- **his _____ supremacy as Creator and Sustainer of all (vv. 2, 3),**
- **his _____ supremacy as the ultimate priest seated in Heaven (exalted and crowned) (v. 3),**
- **and his _____ supremacy in that he is superior to angels in name, honor, vocation, existence and reign (vv. 3-14).**

This all-encompassing superiority of Christ is meant to be an anchor to hold them to their Christian faith amidst the increasingly stormy seas of persecution. Indeed, it is meant to be the universal anchor for all imperiled souls for all time.

Therefore: When we see a therefore in the scripture, it is a bridge between the context of the previous passage and the passage to follow. You might say, “because of what you just heard or read...”

1. The _____ To Follow

- **“Take heed” - means more abundantly; to pay attention or take heed more exceedingly**
- **“The Word of God - that which we have heard**

2. The _____ To Avoid

- **“Drifting away from our faith; to slip**
- **The inescapable judgment of God**

3. The _____ of God's Salvation

- _____ by the Lord Jesus
- _____ by the disciples who followed Him.
- _____ By The Witness of God

→ _____ and wonders - to convince the Jews (1 Corinthians 1:22)

→ _____ - for the Gentiles

→ Gifts of the _____ - confirmation for every Christian

Earnest Heed

There was a man named Earnest Heed Who simply refused listen

But when his wife cooked apple pie His eyes would always glisten.

Earnest had a few close friends Named Apathy and Lazy

They, like Earnest, refused to hear And drove other people crazy.

One day, Earnest and His Friends went on a trip,

For rest and relaxation Then suddenly an angel appeared

Without an explanation. He said to Earnest and his friends

Have you realized thus far That you have gone through all your life

Without realizing who you are. For You have chosen what you want to hear

In your ears have made no room For God has spoken many times

And now you are facing doom. Earnest and his friends passed away that day

With Angel's words in their ears. For they had ignored and refused to listen

For many, many years The meaning behind this story my friends

Is evident and clear For when the Lord speaks to you Make every effort to hear!