

The Superiority of Jesus: “Don’t Neglect the Gospel” Hebrews 2:1-4

In chapter 2, the writer makes a powerful application of his argument in chapter 1. Since Christ is infinitely superior to the angels, so must his message (the gospel) transcend theirs (the law). Anyone who neglects the gospel is infinitely guilty, more than those who rejected Moses’ law. How can such people escape the wrath of God? These are three crucial things that will guard you against neglecting such a great salvation.

- **We must pay close *attention* to the gospel! (1).**

Why should we listen? Because God the Father himself is speaking to us through his Son, and we insult the Almighty if we turn a deaf ear to what he has to say!

“We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither this belief nor any other will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed. And as a matter of fact, if you examined a hundred people who had lost their faith in Christianity, I wonder how many of them would turn out to have been reasoned out of it by honest argument? Do not most people simply drift away?” - C. S. Lewis

How to not neglect and drift away from Jesus.

1. Anchor your souls in deep waters of the Word of God!
2. Concentrate your heart & mind (your affections) on the gospel!
3. Read the Word, hear the Word preached (regularly), meditate on the Word, and obey the Word. Remember that when the Scripture Speaks, God Speaks!

- **We must recognize the *seriousness* of the situation. (2-3)**

The writer argues now from the lesser to the greater. “For since the message declared by angels” Acts 7:53; Deut 33:2; Gal 3:19; Deut 30:19

How will you escape the wrath of God if you neglect such a great salvation? You won’t escape, indeed you cannot apart from the perfect work of Jesus Christ.

- **We need to remember that it is *foolish* to neglect salvation. (4)**

- First, Remember God has *spoken!* (Heb 1:2)
- Second, Remember the *confirmation* of the Word by eyewitnesses. (2 Pet 1:16-21)
- Third, Remember God *attested* to the truth of His revelation by signs and wonders, and various miracles.

Application:

- Have you been neglecting the gospel? If so, simply confess, repent, and return to Jesus.
- Identify the things in your life that are more attractive to you than Christ.
- Recall daily the great salvation that is yours now because of Jesus.
- Anchor yourself in the Word of God and give yourself to the things of God.