

Connecting People to Jesus

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Thursday, November 10, 2022 Pastor Eric Jay

Prayer: Heavenly Father, there is no power in heaven or on earth that is mightier than You. As promised, You have sent Your Son Jesus to us, who on the cross crushed the head of the devil, shattered the grave, and atoned for the sins of all humanity. Guard and protect our faith, our minds, and our hearts so that we do not drift away from the truth of Your salvation. Amen.

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1

We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Devotional - "Hey!"

The author of the book of Hebrews was likely a pastor who turned a sermon into a letter; a sermon that was probably titled "PAY ATTENTION!!!" Isn't that when many of the problems in life start, for all of us? When we stop paying attention to what is most important, that is when we start to drift away into dangerous waters.

"Pay attention to what you have heard so that you do not drift away from it." Our sinful nature is prone to drift, and the temptations of the devil and this world only ensure trouble and panic if we aren't paying attention to the life saving words of truth God has given us. Simply put, once saved is not <u>always</u> saved.

In verse 2 and 3 that follow in our passage, it says, "For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?"

We must not only <u>know</u> what God's Word says, but we must also <u>pay attention</u> to it in order to avoid drifting away. Later in chapter 6 in Hebrews it says in, "When God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf."

That oath and promise of God given to us in His Word is our anchor.

Romans 1:16, "The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

1 Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who **by God's power are being** guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Know and pay attention to the Word of God that is the power of your salvation, and remember, that God has forgiven yesterday, is with you today, and has already taken care of tomorrow. Amen.