# **Are You Paying Attention?**

Hebrews 2:1-4

### What's Been Said Already?

- Jesus is the better word
- Jesus is the better messenger
- So, what are the implications?

#### The Urgent Necessity

- We cannot allow ourselves to lose focus
- The danger: Drifting from the truth

#### Arguing from the Lesser to the Greater

- If sanctions under the Old Covenant were severe, then <u>how</u> much more the New?
- For believers: Rejoicing keeps us secure in salvation
- For pretenders: <u>Recognizing need</u> can lead to salvation

#### This Great Salvation

- The truth found its fullness in Christ
- The truth was relayed by the Apostles
- The truth was validated by God

## For Life Group Discussion

Hebrews 2:1-4

- 1. What are some reasons people might "tune out" during safety briefings? Do some of those reasons have a spiritual equivalent? What are the potential dangers?
- 2. Are you beginning to understand the "if-then" construction of this letter? For example, "if" all these things are true (Heb 1:1-14), "then" these are the implications (Heb 2:1-4). How does that pattern help us grasp the author's point?
- 3. If a non-Christian were to ask you, "why do I need to be saved?" how would you answer? What do you think was the authors point in Heb 2:3a, and why did he connect it to the Old Testament?
- 4. Read Phil 2:12-13. Why does Paul refer to "fear and trembling"? How is that related to the warning in our text?
- 5. Some people think that Heb 2:1 & 2:3a teach that true, born-again believers can "drift away" and lose their salvation. Others disagree, saying that all true believers will persevere to the end. What do you think? Back up your answer with scripture.
- 6. What part did an awareness of your guilt and pending judgment play in your conversion? What part does the consciousness of sin/forgiveness and hell/heaven play in your walk as a believer? What part should it play?

Homework: Read Hebrews 2:5-18 in preparation for next Sunday