How Shall We Escape?

Robert Harkrider · Hebrews 2:1–4

INTRODUCTION

- Hebrews starts, you might say, in the middle of its theme and point.
- And so over and over you see the warnings or the thrust of the book. Don't turn away from Christ. He is superior. He's God's spokesman to us.
- You see, neglect is not an intentional matter. It's something that happens when we sort of drift away.

1 The Law Was Steadfast

Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 10:26–29; Hebrews 12:25

- It was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.
- I tell you, when you look at it, you have to say, it mattered to God whether men kept it or not.
- But the same God who gave us the gospel through Jesus Christ is the one who gave the law of Moses through Moses himself. And that law was steadfast.
- See that you do not refuse him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from him who speaks from heaven.

2 So Great a Salvation

Hebrews 10:1–4; John 3:16; Hebrews 9:11–12

- The law of Moses, though given by God, did not make men perfect. It could not forgive sins.
- For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.
- But the gospel of Jesus Christ in comparison is a great salvation. Perhaps we understand that it was great because it's based upon great love.
- Consider that the Christ, the greater high priest now, has one time for all time made sacrifice for our sins.

3 Spoken by the Lord, Confirmed by Those Who Heard

Hebrews 2:3–4

- What we have with a great salvation is the word spoken by the Lord. Jesus Himself, God's spokesman to us this day, and confirmed by those who heard him.
- Why would these men suffer the kind of death that they suffered if it were not so? Would they have died for a lie?
- God bore witness by signs and wonders and miracles.

4 Lest We Drift Away

Revelation 3:1; James 2:14–17

- We are sometimes troubled with a sense or an attitude that causes neglect.

- The description was of a church that had a name that it was alive, but actually it was dead. I say brethren even can become dead in faith.
- Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.
- It's not that you intend to be against Christ. But by neglect of that great salvation, you become one who's drifting away.

5 Someday I'm Going to Become a Christian

Galatians 3:26–27; James 1:22; James 4:17

- Someday I'm going to become a Christian. Someday I'm going to be baptized.
- For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- The street that leads to hell is paved with the brick of good intentions.
- Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- To him, therefore that knoweth to do good to him and doeth it not to him, it is sin.

6 Those Who Neglect Will Not Escape

2 Thessalonians 1:7–9

- Those who neglect the great salvation will not escape.
- Taking vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If the Lord should come this day, how would he find you? Ready? Watching? Or do you need to make some changes in your life and in your service to Him?**

MY NOTES