

# The Danger Of Neglect

# Atheists often reject Bible because...

## God of OT is cruel

- Do they reject atheism because of cruel atheists?
- NT highlights grace and love, but stresses that eternal punishment awaits those who choose it.
- No book stresses it more than Hebrews
- Hb.2:1-4, the great salvation

It's not just atheists that neglect it

# I. Pay Attention! (2:1)

# The reason: *Therefore*

Builds on chapter 1

- God has spoken.
- God has spoken through His Son, 1-2.
  - Word. Hb.2:2-3 (= 1:1-2)
  - Lamb. Hb.1:3
  - Son. King, Hb.1:5
  - Savior. Hates sin, Hb.1:9

The reason

The requirement: *must*

- Ten commandments were not ten suggestions; neither is NT.
- Hb.11:6. Jn.3:7. Jn.4:24.

The reason  
The requirement  
The reaction: *heed*

- Hb.7:13
- Give more abundant heed; hold [the mind] to; full attention.
- Ac.2:37

The reason  
The requirement  
The reaction  
The ruins: *drift*

- Prov.3:21
- “Don’t let wisdom slip your mind”
- Ring slips your finger / Food slips down...
- Wind, current, tide slowly move boat from shore
  - Our great danger: not speed boat...
  - Jg.16 . . . Hb.3:12-14

I. Pay Attention! (2:1)

II. Remember Angels (2:2)



1. God's messengers spoke for Him in OT
  - Gal.3:9; Ac.7:53
2. The word (spoken through angels) proved steadfast (firm, abiding, valid, in force, 9:17).
3. The effect: every transgression, disobedience was justly rewarded.
4. Their authority: if OT, given by angels, rendered just punishment, what of those who neglect greater revelation of Christ?  
[Lv.10; 1 Sm.15; 2 Sm.6; 2 Sm.12; Hb.10]

I. Pay Attention! (2:1)

II. Remember Angels (2:2)

**III. Question & Answer (2:3-4)**

# How shall we escape?

- Avoid punishment until statute of limitations passes? Gn.27. Mt.23:32.
- Gain enough strength to overcome power of judge? Nu.16. Job 31:35.
- Flee jurisdiction of court. 2 Co.11:33.
- Hope judicial process breaks down. Ro.2:3.
- Death of Judge. Hb.10:31.
- Commit perfect crime. Hb.12:25. Jg.19-21.

How shall we escape...

## If we neglect

- Mt.22:5, unconcern
- What causes unconcern?
  - Lk.8:14, suffocation
  - 1 Co.15:33, societal pressure
  - Ga.5:19-21, fleshly desires
  - Rv.2:4, familiarity
- Hb.8:9, unconcern of God.

Gn.3: fruit  
Hebrews:  
not novices

How shall we escape...

If we neglect...

## So great a salvation

- Angels minister to heirs of salvation, 1:14.
- God's Son died to make it available to us, 2:9-10.

Irony: it's great to these but  
not to some who need it?

How shall we escape...

If we neglect...

So great a salvation

**First spoken by Lord, confirmed . . .**

- Established beyond doubt, guaranteed to us

How shall we escape...  
If we neglect...  
So great a salvation  
First spoken by Lord, confirmed . . .  
**God bore witness with . . .**

- **Signs:** unusual occurrence, transcending the common course of nature (Th.). Miracle (BDAG).
- **Wonders:** something that astounds (BDAG).  
Miracle (Th.).
- **Various miracles and gifts of Holy Spirit:**  
power, might. Acts 2:22.

# Why not neglect salvation?

1. Person of Christ.
2. Preparation for judgment.
3. Proof of God's word.



“Escape” < Lat. excappa  
Lit., “running out of your cape”

1. Hb.5:8-9, escape God's way.
2. Noah, Hb.11:7, divinely warned.
3. Joseph, Hb.11:22, hated at home...
4. Hebrews: written to encourage us.

Hb.6:18-19