

HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE?

Hebrews 2:1-4

Possibility of Falling Away

The Warnings of the Text:

- Hebrews 3:12; 4:11; 6:4; 10:26-29
- 1 Corinthians 9:27
- Galatians 4:9; 5:4
- 2 Peter 2:20-22
- 1 Timothy 1:19-20; 4:1; 5:8; 6:10, 21
- 2 Timothy 2:18

Man Warned Against Drifting (ASV)

- ▣ **Source of drifting.**
 - Lack of understanding. Matthew 13:19
 - Cares of the world. Mt. 13:22; cf. Luke 14:15ff
 - Deceitfulness of riches. Matthew 13:22; 1 Timothy 6:9-10
 - Tribulation or persecution. Matthew 13:20
 - Prejudice. Matthew 13:15
 - Love of the world. 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4
 - Compromise. Galatians 1:10; 2:5
 - Lack of love for the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

Warning Reveals Two Truths

- ▣ "Word spoken through angels proved steadfast..." cf. Hebrews 1:1; 1 Peter 4:11; Acts 7:51-53
 - Fixed and settled.
- ▣ "Every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward."
 - Hebrews 10:28ff; cf. Deuteronomy 17:2-7
 - 1 John 3:4; James 4:17
 - 2 Pet. 2:4-9; cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

We Must Listen!!! Heb. 2:3

- ▣ "Ye shall know the truth... John 8:32
- ▣ Truth came from Christ and is confirmed. Hebrews 2:3, Truth is revealed!
- ▣ Man must obey. Hebrews 5:8-9

How Shall We Escape? There Is No Escape!

- ▣ Physical neglect results in consequences. *Ecclesiastes 10:18 "By slothfulness the roof sinketh in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaketh."*
- ▣ Spiritual neglect results in lost souls.
 - Build on the sand. Matthew 7:24-27
 - Neglect the gospel. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
 - One talent man. Matthew 25:24-30
 - Neglect – condemned in the judgment. Matthew 25:41-46

How Shall We Escape?

- ▣ Must make our calling and election sure.
2 Peter 1:10
- ▣ Must work out our own salvation.
Philippians 2:12
- ▣ Must press onward. Philippians 3:13-14

- ▣ Felix waited for a more convenient time.
Acts 24:24-25

- ▣ To wait for convenience is to neglect
NOW!
 - Hebrews 4:7 "he again defineth a certain day, To-day, saying in David so long a time afterward (even as hath been said before), To-day if ye shall hear his voice, Harden not your hearts."
 - 2 Corinthians 6:2 "(for he saith, At an acceptable time I hearkened unto thee, And in a day of salvation did I succor thee: behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation)"