

THE TRAGEDY OF DISREGARDING SALVATION
(Hebrews 2:1-4)

- I. The Admonition (Heb. 2:1)
 - A. We “HAVE HEARD” from One who is SUPERIOR
 - 1. He is GREATER than the PROPHETS (1:1-3)
 - 2. He is GREATER than the ANGELS (1:4-14)
 - B. We must “pay MUCH CLOSER ATTENTION” to Him
 - C. We are in danger of DRIFTING AWAY
 - 1. Not in danger of of LOSING what one POSSESSED due to lack of EFFORT
 - 2. But in danger of NEVER ACQUIRING what one NEEDS due to lack of ATTENTION

- II. The Argument (Heb. 2:2-3b)
 - A. The word of the LAW spoken through ANGELS was AUTHORITATIVE (Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; cf. Deut. 33:2; Ps. 68:17)
 - 1. Described as INFALLIBLE or BINDING
 - 2. Provided a “JUST PENALTY” for every VIOLATION
 - a. Includes DOING something FORBIDDEN
 - b. Includes FAILURE to do as COMMANDED

- B. The word of SALVATION first spoken through THE LORD is GREATER
 - 1. Everyone is DOOMED by their violations of the LAW communicated through ANGELS
 - 2. No one can ESCAPE who IGNORES the SALVATION announced through THE LORD

III. The Attestation (Heb. 2:3c-4)

- A. Its truth was CONFIRMED by “FIRST HEARERS”
- B. GOD THE FATHER testified “WITH THEM,” that is with “the LORD” and with “those who HEARD”
 - 1. He provided “SIGNS”: supernatural EVIDENCES as PROOFS
 - 2. He provided “WONDERS”: supernatural ACTS that produced AWE
 - 3. He provided “various MIRACLES”: DISPLAYS of divine POWER
 - 4. He provided “GIFTS of the Holy Spirit according to His WILL”

IV. The Application: A Summary

- A. Salvation Is PROVIDED by One who is GREATER than the ANGELS
- B. Salvation is SUPERIOR to the LAW or any other angelic MESSAGE
- C. Salvation is GUARANTEED by many RELIABLE WITNESSES
- D. Therefore, the OFFER of salvation *dare not* be IGNORED