

May I Have Your Attention, Please?

Hebrews 2:1-4

Hebrews 2:1-4 (ESV)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

I. The Danger of our Drifting

Verse 1 – “We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.”

- ✓ Scripture is Ignored

Proverbs 4:20-22 (ESV)

“My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them.”

- ✓ Saints are Omitted

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

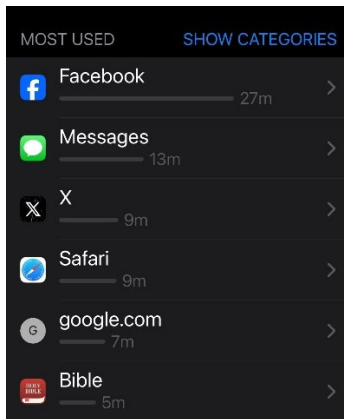
“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

✓ Sin is Diminished

Verse 2 – “...the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution.”

✓ Salvation is Secondary

Verse 3 – “...how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”



II. The Certainty of the Consequences

Verse 2,3 – “Since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape...?”

Hebrews 12:6-7 (NIV)

“The Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.”



NEGLECT

III. The Superiority of Our Salvation

Verse 3, 4 – “How shall we escape if we neglect *such a great salvation*? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”