

The Book of Hebrews
Beware of Drifting Spiritually!
Hebrews 2:1-4 (page 838)

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The Warning:

Since we have encountered such a great salvation, we must pay attention so that we do not drift away from it.

We ought to pay close attention because of:

- the danger of negligence (Heb 2:1)
 - The cause of drifting is neglect (v 1c)
 - The antidote to drifting is to pay attention to Christ and His Word (1a-b)
- certainty of judgment (Heb 2:2-3a)

The argument:

- If judgement was so certain under the old covenant, how much more under the new covenant? (v 2-3a)

Two basic views:

- once apostate, a true believer may forfeit (lose) his/her eternal salvation
- true believers have the assurance of salvation and cannot forfeit their salvation

What then is the judgment? Either the believer's...

- eternal destruction
- loss of future reward

- the overwhelming confirmation of the gospel message (Heb 2:3b-4)

This salvation is great because...

- it is brought by the Son, Jesus Christ, Himself (v 3b)
- it is confirmed by eyewitnesses - the apostles (v 3c)
- it is confirmed by God Himself (v 4)

The Point:

Give careful attention to Jesus Christ in your life!