

## Hebrews Part One

### Lesson #7, Chapter 2:1-4

1. Verse 1 begins with the phrase *for this reason* (ESV, NKJV and NIV use *therefore*). What idea is the author connecting from Chapter 1 to Chapter 2 verse 1?
2. As a result of that, what are we to do in 2:1?
3. Why is that truth so essential to pay attention to? What are the consequences if we don't according to vs. 1?
4. What things did God say in Chapter 1 that the Hebrews *heard*?
5. Not only are we to pay attention to these truths, but we are also to pay *much closer* attention. Define *attention* [Strong's #4337 (NKJV *heed*)]. Now explain what it means to pay *much closer* attention to something.
6. What do you learn from the following verses about paying attention to the truth (how to do it, what it looks like, and what happens when you don't pay attention)? See 1 Tim. 1:3-7; 4:1-3, 16; Titus 1:13-14; 2 Pet. 1:16-21.
7. Define *drift away* [Strong's #3901].

8. What is needed to keep a boat from drifting away from shore? What is necessary to keep a believer from drifting away from the truth? See 1 Tim. 1:18-20; Heb. 2:1; 6:19-20; and James 5:19-20.

“When our anchors begin to lift from our soul’s grasp of the greatness and supremacy of life, we become susceptible to subtle tows. The tide of years, the tide of familiarity with the truth, and the danger of busyness are all subtle tows of which we need to beware.”

~Alexander Maclaren<sup>1</sup>

9. Notice the writer of Hebrews includes himself in the admonition to pay attention to what they have heard. Why is that message essential for *every* believer?

10. What word was spoken to us through angels? See Acts 7:37-38, 52-53; Gal. 3:19 (Deut. 33:1-2 and Ps. 68:17 are more obscure, but show a connection between angels and the word spoken through them).

11. What *kind* of word was spoken to us through the angels? See vs. 2 for your answer.

12. Define *unalterable* [Strong’s #949 (ESV, *reliable*; NKJV *steadfast*; NIV *binding*)].

13. What was the result of not hearing and obeying the word that the angels gave to Moses? See vs. 2.

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<sup>1</sup>R. Kent Hughes, *Hebrews, Vol. 1, An Anchor for the Soul* (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 1993), pages 48-49, also take note of footnote 3.

14. What is the Law (the word given to us through angels) compared with at the beginning of vs. 3? How is it described?
  
15. Define *neglect* [Strong's #272 (NIV *ignore*)].
  
16. What do we learn from the following texts about the seriousness of neglecting our salvation? See Heb. 2:2-3; 4:1-2, 11; 10:26-29; 12:25; 1 Pet. 4:14-18.
  
17. Think of some ways it is possible to *neglect* the salvation available to us through Jesus Christ.
  
18. How is the salvation of Jesus Christ great? See Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Titus 2:11-14.
  
19. Ask the Lord to help you identify any areas in your life in which you are in danger of neglecting or drifting away from your great salvation. Remember, most people don't intend to drift away; they just quit paying attention or putting effort into something.
  
20. How can you combat the tendency to drift from or neglect your salvation? We know that everyone battles this tendency or the writer of Hebrews wouldn't have warned us to beware of it.
  
21. How did we hear about our salvation according to vs. 3?

22. According to vs. 4 how did God validate that message?
23. What was the purpose of the signs, wonders, miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit in the preaching of the gospel? See Acts 2:22; 14:3; Rom. 15:18-19; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:4.
24. Listen to the words spoken to us from the Law, *Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart* (Deut. 6:4-6). Now consider the magnitude of our salvation as summed up in 2 Cor. 5:14-15: *For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.* What constraints does salvation place upon your heart, your thoughts, your life? Do your daily choices reflect your great salvation?