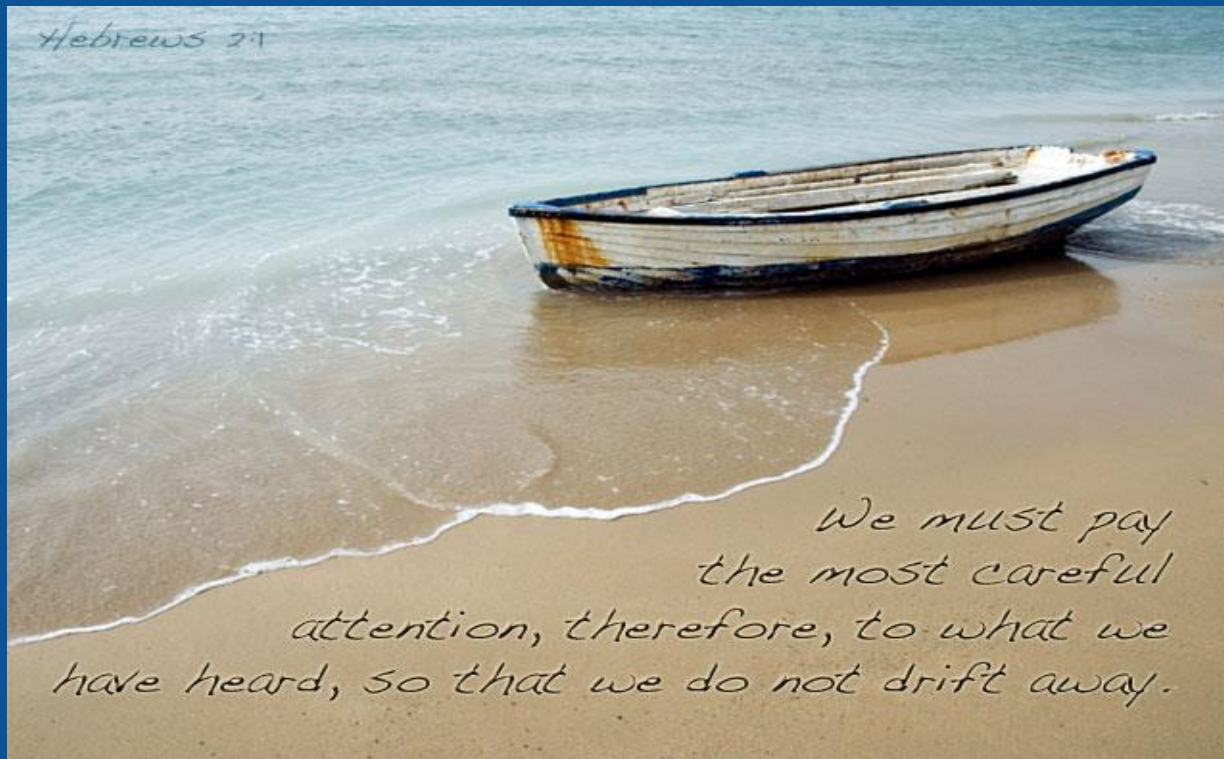


BEING AN ATTENTIVE CONGREGATION



Hebrews 2:1-4



Outline of Hebrews 2:1-4

I. The Attentive Congregation

A. Necessary Need for the Congregation

- 1. Paying attention to what has been heard from the LORD (v.1)**

B. The Penalty for Inattentiveness (vv.2-4)

- 1. To the Word spoken through angels (2)**
- 2. The Greater Penalty (3-4)**
 - a. Neglecting the well-attested Word**
 - b. First spoken by the Father through the Son**
 - c. Confirmed by its witnesses**
 - d. Corroborated by God**

REVIEW

The Preacher, God, now transitions from exposition to exhortation

+ Heb 1:1-4 - we heard that it was the LORD Who spoke to the congregation through the Son.

+ Heb 1:5-14 - the congregation was invited to listen to the LORD as He addressed His enthroned Son and all the angels.

Therefore, we, His congregation, must come to realize that we can depend on His Word.

WHY DEPEND ON THE WORD?

HEBREWS 2:1

ONLY from and in His Word is expressed all that is necessary for our salvation!

+ We must come to the realization that being attentive to His Word is life given, yet:

- 1. We must pay attention to what we hear!**
- 2. We must take hold of the Word!**
- 3. We must maintain our focus on it!**



WHAT'S THE MAIN POINT?

**WE MUST NEVER, EVER, FORFEIT HIS GREAT
GIFT OF SALVATION BY BEING
INATTENTIVE!!!**

WHY DEPEND ON THE WORD?

HEBREWS 2:1



THE PENALTY SPOKEN THROUGH THE ANGELS

HEBREWS 2:2



+ According to Jewish tradition, the text of Dt. 33:1-3 , was spoken to the people by angels who surrounded God in His Theophany as His entourage and who served as His heavenly messengers.

- Thus the angels are the LORD'S heavenly witnesses who attest to His Word's validity;
- The Greek word for validity is: **βέβαιος** = refers to what is fully dependable; worthy of confidence; on "*solid footing*." Describes what is fully *secure* (stable), and can be trusted to give *full support*.

THE GREATER PENALTY

HEBREWS 2:3-4



+ If Israel's penalty was so severe due to their inattentiveness to God's Word; how could those who now neglect God's Word and Great Gift of Salvation ever escape an even greater penalty?

+ On the next slide we will discuss the three points of contrast to the punishment of Israel and of the congregation that does the same as Israel!

THE THREE POINTS OF CONTRAST

HEBREWS 2:4

1. The message of salvation is valid and certain since its “foundation” is in the Lord Jesus, Who is God’s spokesman. Through Jesus, the Father speaks His Word of Salvation to His people on earth.

- Therefore, the main theme of the sermon, is the Great Salvation provided by God through His Great High Priest – Jesus!

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HEBREWS 2:4

2. The message of salvation is validated and so confirmed by *"those who first heard him."*
3. God corroborates the testimony of these witnesses by what He accomplished through them.
 - God, therefore, confirmed their testimony by four divine acts.

THE FOUR DIVINE ACTS

HEBREWS 2:4

1. Signs;
2. Wonders;
3. Acts of Empowerment, and;
4. Allocation of the Holy Spirit