

Hebrew 2:1-4

SUBJECT Drifting

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DRIFTING

2: 2 $\pi\alpha\rho\alpha\rho\acute{\epsilon}\omega$ - "to be carried past" "we shall drift away"
2: 3 $\delta\mu\epsilon\lambda\epsilon\chi\epsilon\omega$ - "not to care for" "to disregard" "to neglect"

I. This "so great" salvation.

Salvation = great work; one | beyond in the Spirit.
1: 14; 2: 10; 5: 9; 6: 9; 7: 25; 9: 28

- (1) Past times, refers to salvation from penalty of sin. That final, blessed, & it | committed to Jesus which place us beyond fear of judgment, damnation. Eph. 2: 8 "have been saved"
- (2) Brief Hebrew story, "the stone has already passed" of the man in a broken house, grain is fire, already burned & come his.

(2) Present times: the long years of our pilgrimage by which preserved from the end. I Cor. 1: 18 "are being saved"

(3) Future times - our resurrection in our Saviour
I Cor. 15: 4, 12.

Justly called, "so great"

(1) In its scope. Sufficient to embrace a ruined world.

I Jn. 2: 2

(2) In its cost

Seems an easy thing to be saved
Isa 45: 23
Jn 3: 14

"There is life for a lamb..."

But, because, his tears, suffering, death

(3) In its announcement

The law enhanced in eyes of Hebrews, indicates that angels
Heb 3: 2; Acts 7: 53; Heb 3: 19; Heb 2: 2

But the Gospel announced by the Son.

II. The danger to these Hebrew Christians.

James & Co. - their faith severely tested, tried
- subjected to public shame, reproach
- has taken glibly spirit of this world knowing they are
in heaven & better not being satisfied.

But they were getting weary of the struggle
said of them formerly the X² seemed
to their intellect, heart the glory of the X²
faith was gradually being dim.
The devil of first commitment in early years
of the spirit had waned. Though their opponents
they were giving way.

A strong tide running - they being swept away back
to the old life, habits, customs. Weary of struggling
against powerful influences adverse to their X²
fidelity. Vision of X gradually dimming, zeal for
his cause gradually waning, resistance to what is
anti X² gradually being less resolute.

A like danger to us.

Carried by the current into worldliness, neglect
the mind, heart, filled with inferior interests, love of X
quenched, zeal in thought, less, feebly, desires.

It is the "drift" that ruins the X² life.

The drift of our evil nature, depravity
the drift with our associates, business friends who have
no care for religion. A young man not deliberately
"I reverse my father's counsel" but he finds his life
in situations... relaxes his effort. Heaven reudes,
distant, dim - doubted if ever saw it.
The drift of the secular life: scarcely pretend to give the
Bible... soon neglect, church, prayers, tithing...
The mind drift... [no more was thought no for]

III The great appeal

2:1 "the more earnest heed..."

Impossible to separate conversion, first act of the soul to try to X, losing God's service, trust to atone again.

But also the tremendous importance assigned in the NT to persevering fidelity to X. The good seed fruitful...
Mistake to suppose more than a first committed -

- 1. Eden. Poison - out of Egypt the pilgrimage
- 1. baptism - dead to world, raised to world in new life.. Gal. 2:20
- 1. Epl 2: 8, 9, 10
- 1. Phil 2: 13

2:3 The unanswerable questions.

Tendency of our age to minimize God's righteous judgment. This designation of the many; therefore less need to dread results of rebellion, neglect. But this inspires another argument precisely the opposite. Just because the age of grace, runs against the Lawless who were deadly, penalties threaten.

Heb. 10: 28, 29
Rev. 6: 16 "the wrath of the Lamb"

- Did Adam, our scope who believed the first lie? "not need die"
- Did anti-deliberate scope who refused freely, Noah? (20 years of righteousness)
- Did Sodomites scope who laughed at just?
- Did the Israelites scope who refused to quibble law...?
- Did Ahab, Jeroboam scope, Elijah "in place where dogs..."
- Did Judah scope, Jeremiah 605
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"Strong to the rock, let me fly
to the end of the earth than I"
"dark, ages, dark for me"