**NEGLECTING SALVATION**

**Hebrews 2:1 - 4**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. “Salvation” is used in **2** senses in the New Testament:

 A. It refers to deliverance from the power and effects of past sins (Mk 16:16; Lk 24:46, 47).

 B. The term refers to eternal salvation in heaven (Php 2:12; 1 Pet 1:5).

2. Men may neglect salvation from sins or show lack of concern about their eternal salvation.

 A. “Neglect” means a lack of sufficient attention.

 1. It is ***NOT*** rebellion, **BUT** indifference.

**BODY:**

**1. SALVATION HAS BEEN SPOKEN (Heb 2:3)**

 A. One must learn what to do to be saved from the Lord.

 1. He has the “…words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68).

 2. Men must hear and learn (Jn 6:44, 45).

 3. Men must know the truth (Jn 8:32; 1 Tim 2:4).

 4. [We] must receive God's Word (Jas 1:21).

 B. The message of salvation was first spoken by the Lord has been confirmed (Heb 2:4).

 1. The Lord confirmed the message of the Great Commission (Mk 16:15, 16, 20).

 2. The whole plan of salvation is included in the gospel (Mt 28:18 – 20).

 C. The message of salvation does ***NOT*** come from:

 1. The Old Testament / John the Baptist

 2. Dreams, visions or “still small voices” / A contemporary “prophet”

**2. WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF NEGLECT? (Heb 2:3)**

 A. The danger of being hardened by sin (Heb 3:12, 13).

 1. One's heart can become so hard one can ***NOT*** be renewed unto repentance (Heb 6:4).

 2. The Gentiles were “past feeling” (Eph 4:19)

 3. The conscience can be seared “as with a hot iron” (1 Tim 4:2).

 B. The danger of judgment day (Heb 9:27).

 1. Paul reasoned with Felix about coming judgment (Ac 24:25).

 2. God has appointed a day in which He will JUDGE the world (Ac 17:30, 31).

 3. Jesus shall be a judge on that day (2 Cor 5:10).

 4. Men shall be given **1** of **2** destinies (Mt 25:46).

 5. The danger of being subjected to the wrath of God (Heb 10:26 – 31).

 A. God's Goodness, Longsuffering, Forbearance and Wrath (Rom 2:1-11).

 1. Hell will be worse than death without mercy (Heb 10:28, 29).

 6. The deceitful nature, pleasure of sin blinds the mind to the consequences (Heb 3:12).

 A. There is pleasure in sin (Heb 11: 24, 25).

 1. It is short-lived and its consequences are *forever* tragic (Heb 10:26 – 31).

 B. The illusion being plenty of time to [fix] one’s salvation (Pro 27:1; Jas 4:13, 14).

 C. Looking for a convenient season [believing when it will be as easy to obey verses ***NOT*** to

 obey Him] (Ac 24:25; 2 Cor 6:2).

 D. Burdened with “cares” (responsibilities: professions, recreation, community affairs, etc.)

 1. Do ***NOT*** believe one has time or concern about their salvation ( Lk 14:16 – 20).

 E. Some suppose God will make an exception in their case (Ac 10:34, 35; Rom 2:11).