



Hebrews, Session #4,

Who are you listening to in your quiet moments?

Hebrews 2....Broken down into 3 Sections:

- 1. The Salvation We Dare Not Neglect. Hebrews 2:1-4**
- 2. The Recovery of Man's Lost Destiny...Hebrews 2:5-9**
- 3. The Essential and Perfect Suffering...Hebrews 2:10-18**

1st Section: Hebrews 2:1-4 (The Salvation We Dare Not Neglect)

"We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders, and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will."

Listen up! Pay attention to what you have heard....

Why? To keep us from drifting away.

Why do we come to church? Why do we study the Word? Why do we make an effort to please God?

So you will not "drift away" from the truth.

The message (the Law) that the messengers (angels) told us was binding..

- Transgressions (violations) and disobedience to that message brought "just" punishment.***

Transgression (parabasis)....literally means "stepping across a line"

There is a line drawn both by knowledge and conscience, and to step across it is sin.

- Disobedience (parakoe)...means:***

➤ ***Careless hearing (through inattention, either misunderstands or fails to catch what is said)***

➤ ***Unwillingness to hear (disobedience to the voice of God).***

The idea of "a deliberate shutting of the ears" to the commands, the warnings, and the invitation of God.

HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE IGNORE SUCH A GREAT SALVATION?

Three (3) Ways in Which the Salvation Message Is Unique: v.3,4

1. Unique in its ORIGIN

Direct from Jesus Himself.

No guessing or feeling our way to God.

The very voice of God coming through Jesus, His Son.

1. Unique in its TRANSMISSION

Those who heard from the direct lips of Jesus...

The person who can pass on the Christian truth to others are only those who do not know Jesus "second hand."

Note: If you know Jesus, you don't know him "second hand; you know him personally.

We can never teach what we do not know and we can teach others of Christ only when we know Him ourselves.

2. Unique in its EFFECTIVENESS

It produced signs and wonders and deeds of power of many kinds.

Just think of the wonder of your salvation....and the power God has over sin...over the sin that would have taken you to hell...but has made a way for us to be with Him forever.

HELL IS REAL...AS REAL AS HEAVEN!

"If there is no hell, God is not just. If there is no punishment of sin, heaven is apathetic toward the rapists, the mass murders of society. If there is no hell, God is blind toward the victims and has turned His back on those who pray for relief. If there is no wrath toward evil, then God is not love, for love hates that which is evil." Max Lucado

- ✓ **To say there is no hell is also to say God is a liar and His Scripture untrue.**
- ✓ **The Bible repeatedly and stoutly affirms the dualistic outcome of history.**
- ✓ **The good, the bad, and the "uglies" of life are in the book called "Good News for Modern Man." The Bible has all of the truth and consequences for man to understand himself and others. It gives a clear picture of man and his destiny from birth to death...and beyond. After our last breath comes the choice of destination we made while we were living in the flesh as to our final destiny in the eternal state.**
- ✓ **There is no compromise, no consolation prizes, and no chance at making another choice as to what our destiny might be for our eternal existence after we have taken our last breath.**
- ✓ **Today is the day of salvation.**

Facts:

- **13% of the teachings of Christ are about judgment and hell**
- **More than half of Jesus' parables relate to God's eternal judgment of sinners**
- **Of the 12 times that the word "Gehenna"...the strongest biblical word for hell...appears in Scripture, there is only one time in which Jesus was not the speaker.**

No one spoke of hell more than Jesus did.

How did Jesus describe hell?

WHAT JESUS CHRIST SAYS ABOUT HELL!	
"fire"	Matt 7:19, 13:40, 25:41
"everlasting fire"	Matt 18:8, 25:41
"eternal damnation"	Mark 3:29
"hell fire"	Matt 5:22, 18:9, Mark 9:47
"damnation"	Matt 23:14, Mark 12:40, Luke 20:47
"damnation of hell"	Matt 23:33
"resurrection of damnation"	John 5:29
"furnace of fire"	Matt 13:42, 50
"the fire that never shall be quenched"	Mark 9:43, 45
"the fire is not quenched"	Mark 9:44, 46, 48
"Where their worm dieth not"	Mark 9:44, 46, 48
"wailing and gnashing of teeth"	Matt 13:42, 50
"weeping and gnashing of teeth"	Matt 8:12, 22:13, 25:30
"torments"	Luke 16:23
"tormented in this flame"	Luke 16:24
"place of torment"	Luke 16:28
"outer darkness"	Matt 8:12, 22:13
"everlasting punishment"	Matt 25:46

Jesus Christ says in Matthew 25:41, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into EVERLASTING FIRE, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Hell was not made for man. Matthew 25:41 says, hell was, ". . . prepared for the devil and his angels:"

God does NOT want you or me in hell!

Because God is a GOD OF LOVE, and He LOVED US so much, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to this earth to die a cruel death on a cross to pay the price a HOLY GOD demands for your sins.

Today is the day of salvation. The Hebrew author said, “³how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?”

God used the gifts of the spirit to testify (show us/tell us/prove to us) the salvation message.

Through Signs and wonders and the Holy Spirit's distribution of the gifts.

Hebrews 2:4, "God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will."

LISTING OF GIFTS IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8 – 11

"To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines."

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| 1. Wisdom | 6. Prophecy |
| 2. Knowledge | 7. The Ability to Distinguish Between Spirits |
| 3. Faith | 8. Tongues |
| 4. Gifts of Healing | 9. Interpretation of Tongues |
| 5. Working of Miracles | |

Other gifts mentioned in the Word of God...example, Romans 12:5-8

"So, in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

"...according to the grace given us"

- Prophesying - Serving- Teaching - Encouraging - Giving - Leadership - Showing mercy.

Remember, The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to each one as He wills.

- Paul taught the church that "to each one (member) the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)
- No believer is overlooked when it comes to receiving a spiritual gift.
- Gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to individual members for the good of the entire congregation.
- We are to use them appropriately and with thanksgiving (not prideful).
- (Sovereignty of the Spirit). Someone using his gifts unwisely or begs to have the gift given to someone else is out of line....and is the dysfunctional part of the body of Christ.

Our part of the message: Tell them the story of Jesus, write on their heart every word. Tell them the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.