

**Hope in Our Sufficient Savior
Jesus Deserves Your Attention**

3 REASONS YOU SHOULD LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST:

I. Because He Can Help You Escape the Penalty – vv. 1-4

A. Notice the passionate invitation – v. 1

1. Exhortation – here’s what you should do

v. 1 - *Pay much closer attention to what we have heard*

2. Warning – here’s what happens if you don’t

v. 1 - *so that we do not drift away from it*

pay attention – prosecho – “to moor a ship, to tie it up”

drift -- pararheo – “to drift past the harbor”

B. Even the Old Testament deserved a hearing – v. 2

1. The identity of the “word spoken through angels”

Acts 7:38 - *This is the one [speaking of Moses] who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us.*

Acts 7:53 - *you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.*

2. It was unalterable

3. Not paying attention resulted in penalties that were just

C. Your access to the gospel raises the bar of responsibility – vv. 3-4

1. The message of Christ offers “so great a salvation”

2. Jesus Himself explained the message

v. 3 - *it was at first spoken through the Lord*

3. It was confirmed by eyewitnesses

v. 3 - *it was confirmed to us by those who heard*

4. It was attended by signs and wonders – v. 4

D. The point

1. For those who have truly trusted Christ, rejoice in the escape

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death...*

2. For those who have not yet believed, don't drift by the harbor

3. Why "we"?

II. Because He Can Help You Fulfill the Purpose – vv. 5-9

A. Man was created to glorify God by ruling the world

B. In "the world to come" that will be man's position

C. In this age, you can begin to accept that position now

Colossians 1:13 - *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son*

1 Thessalonians 2:12 - *we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

Philippians 2:12-13 - *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

III. Because He Stands Ready to Come to Your Aide – vv. 10-18

A. His suffering, from a human perspective, completed His ability to be your high priest

B. He is not ashamed to call us brethren

C. He can even release us from the fear of death

Hebrews 2:15 - *and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*