
Week 4 Sermon, September 3, 2023
Hebrews 2:1-4 – *Pay Close Attention*

Discussion Questions

1. The author of Hebrews begins Chapter 2 with “Therefore.” Briefly review Chapter 1 and discuss the foundation the author laid about the supremacy of Christ. Why was it important for the author to immediately lay this foundation at the opening of the letter?
 2. Hebrews 2:1-4 is the first of five warning passages in the letter of Hebrews. In verse 1, the author switches to the first person plural pronoun, “we.” Some may argue that the warning passages in Hebrews are meant for unbelievers, but the author clearly includes himself amongst the hearers. Discuss how God uses His Word in the lives of believers to work out endurance and perseverance within them. Share how He has used His Word to encourage you to press on in the faith.
 3. The author of Hebrews encourages his hearers to pay close attention to what they have heard. Spend time encouraging one another with various facets of the Gospel. Discuss why it is so important for the believer to be reminded of the Gospel often. What happens when we lose sight of the Gospel?
 4. In verses 2 and 3, the author of Hebrews uses a lesser-to-greater argument when warning against neglecting such a great salvation. He warns that if God justly judged those who transgressed and disobeyed the Law under the Old Covenant which was delivered by angels, how much worse would it be for those who disregard the Gospel that was delivered by Christ? Discuss the implications of this warning. Read Romans 1:24-2:11 for further study.
 5. In the latter half of verse 3 and on into verse 4, the author refers to signs, wonders, and miracles that were used by God to give even greater assurance to the validity and authentication of the Gospel that Jesus and the Apostles proclaimed. The function of these sign gifts was confined to the apostolic church for the founding and establishing of the church in the world. Since the canon of Scripture has been completed, these extraordinary gifts have ceased. Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and discuss how the canon of Scripture is insurmountably more valuable to the believer. Spend time thanking God for the privilege of having access to His Word.
 6. In this warning passage, the author warns against drifting away from the Gospel. Discuss many of the ways that drifting may occur in the life of a believer. The author of Hebrews says that the divinely prescribed antidote to drifting is to pay close attention to the Gospel. How does focusing on the Gospel keep the believer from drifting? Spend time thanking God for His faithfulness and for the glorious Gospel. Ask Him to help keep the Gospel before you at all times.
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