

HEBREWS 1:1-8; 2:1-4

INTRODUCTION

1. TWO CLAIMS MADE

1. One that God in ancient times and at sundry times (divers times) and in divers manners spoke to the Fathers by the prophets.

(1) The writer here sets his seal upon the Divine inspiration and authority of the Old Testament.

(2) This denotes that God controlled their minds, ordered their tongues, and possessed their hearts so that they spake not their own words, but his words. Peter adds his inspired approval to this: 2 Peter 1:20,21.

2. That God in these last days, in the end of these days, hath spoken to us not by the profits but by His Son. Consider the importance of the message:

1. The importance of the message is always shown by the messenger. In this instance the Messenger is Christ; not the prophets.

2. Jesus said, "All things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." John 15:15

3. "But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26

4. So upon every occasion it was Christ who revealed to the apostles and other inspired men what they were to say.

2.2. THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

1. Only one above Christ and that is God the Father. Christ is superior to all others because:

1. "He hath been appointed heir of all things."

2. "By him the worlds were made."

3. "He is in the brightness (effulgence) and the express image of the Father."

4. All things are upheld by him and through him. John 1:1-3 (Hebrews 1:18 TEXT)

5. He is superior in that, "God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name, (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phillipians 2:9-11

3. THEREFORE: In view of the Greatness on the part of Christ, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3

1. DANGERS POINTED OUT.

1. "Lest we should let them slip...lest haply we drift away from them. Verse 1

(1), The danger is real: It is not so difficult to recall the things of no value, but the things of God slip out of our mind.

2. DRIFTING, HOW? Three ways suggested:

(1) It is aimless imperceptible movement. The boat is carried down stream because the rowers do not exert themselves sufficiently to head it up stream.

(2) It is not often that people openly deny God and forsake Christ in a moment but gradually, imperceptibly surrender to the influences around us.

(2) Drifting is a movement from higher to lower. A river never runs upward, but downward

A. We may have gained much but conformity, popular opinion, and indolence, will carry us from the higher reaches of spirituality down to the low levels of compromise.

(3) Drifting is simply doing nothing.

A. It is not necessary to row down stream...you can just drift down...the course of least resistance. Compromise, Fellow-well-met. Standing for everything in general and nothing in particular.

4. SO GREAT SALVATION. Why it is a "so great salvation." :

1. It is a great salvation because of its author...God, Christ who died for us.
2. It is a great salvation because of its subject...A lost world.
3. It is a great salvation because of the end it has in view...To redeem the world lost in sin, ruined and cursed.
4. It is a great salvation because of the great price paid for it. There is not arithmetic, no combinations of numbers, by which we can calculate the great price of this great salvation.

5. HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE: If we neglect this so great salvation?

1. If under the law, "every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape?" Heb. 2:2, 3
 - (1) Can your temporal resources open up a way for your escape? Matthew 16:26
 - (2) Can your own arm save you? "Hast thou an arm like God?" Job 40:9
 - (3) Can education, or science, or philosophy save you?
2. Christ the only Saviour from sin.
 - (1) Accepting him, we shall be saved with "so great salvation."
 - (2) Neglecting him and his salvation, we shall be lost.

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1. NO OTHER SALVATION. Why is it a "great salvation"?

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2. It is a great salvation because of its subject... A lost world.

3. It is a great salvation because of the end it has in view... To redeem the world from all iniquity.

4. It is a great salvation because of the great price paid for it. There is no other way in which we can obtain the great price of this great salvation.

5. IT SHALL BE ESCAPED: If we neglect this so great salvation, every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of terror, how shall we escape? Heb. 2:3

- (1) Can your temporal resources open up a way for your escape? Matthew 10:10
- (2) Can your own sin give you "rest from sin like God's"? Job 40:2
- (3) Can education, or science, or philosophy give you

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