# **Hebrews 2:1-4, Bible Devotions**

□ Monday - "We Must Pay Much Closer Attention"

Hebrews 2:1
"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it" (Heb. 2:1). What reason is that? The writer points back to at least seven reasons given earlier in Hebrews, chapter one. We must pay much closer attention to God's Word, because: [1] the messenger is no longer the prophets, (1:1), but God's own Son (1:2,5); [2] the message is no longer in portions (1:1), but the fullest possible revelation of God (Col. 1:19, 2:9); [3] there is a new urgency, since we are in the last days (1:2). Furthermore, it was delivered: [4] Not by angels, who are created sons (Job 1:6), but by God's only begotten Son (1:8); [5] Not by angels who are ministering servants (1:14), but by the King of kings and Lord of hosts (1:5, 8); [6] Not by angels who worship God (1:6), but by God who angels worship (1:3, 6, 8); and not by angels who are created beings (Psa. 148:2, 5), but by the Creator Himself (1:10). "For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away

### □ Tuesday - Listen Up 11

from it" (Heb. 2:1).

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Read 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17

The writer of Hebrews exhorts his readers, "Pay much closer attention to what you have heard" (2:1), "consider Jesus" (3:1), "fix your eyes on Jesus" (12:2). Many voices call out for our attention today -- the television, internet, music, the media, man-made philosophies and psychologies, etc. − but God's people listen up to God speaking from heaven through His written Word. And this is His voice from Heaven, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" (Matt. 17:5).

Read Matthew 7:21-27; Revelation 1:3

#### ■ Wednesday - Are You Anchored in Christ?

Hebrews 2:1

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it" (Heb. 2:1). The tide of public opinion, peer pressure, and the daily routines of life can cause God's own people to drift away from His Word. Dogma by itself cannot hold us; Christ is our anchor. And so, we must read God's Word, not just to learn doctrine (2 Tim. 3:16), but to "learn Christ" (Eph. 4:20), "lest we drift away".

Read 1 Timothy 1:19

## ☐ Thursday - How Shall We Escape?

Hebrews 2:3

On September 11, 2001, 2998 people died in the World Trade Centers. Another 6,291 were injured. The heroic measures by the New York City fire fighters will go down as one of the great rescue efforts of all time, many forfeiting their own lives to save others in that towering inferno. Though we shall never forget the greatness of their efforts, there is another rescue even greater: Jesus Christ laid down His life to save sinners. Satan is the ultimate terrorist on a suicide mission to destroy as many others with himself as he can. He has crashed into planet earth, igniting an eternal inferno. Trapped above, the fires of hell burn below us. There is no escape, save one: Jesus Christ has come to earth, into the burning building, to lay down His life to save sinners. Moreover, not one who believes in Him shall be lost (Jn. 6:39). The matter is urgent, the building is about to collapse in a fiery flame! (2 Pet. 3:10) "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation!" (Heb. 2:3).

## ☐ Friday - So Great a Salvation!

Hebrews 2:3

Is there a sense of greatness in your mind about your salvation? This is not something awful, but something wonderful that the writer is warning us not to neglect – i.e. being forgiven, accepted, loved, guided and protected by Almighty God; fellowship and friendship with the living Christ; free access to the throne of grace, etc., etc. etc.!!! This is a great salvation!

Read 2 Corinthians 9:15