

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### **THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS**

#### **'Jesus: Simply the Best' - 3**

##### **Hebrews 2 v1 - 4**

Key Text - (not a text for unbelievers, but for believers) - v3a. Note (remember) - the writer is speaking to those (including himself) who have professed Christian faith.

#### **1. THERE IS A WARNING THAT NEEDS TO BE HEEDED**

There are 7 spiritual warning signs in this letter - this one here is the first of them. See - v1. The warning concerns the danger of drifting in the Christian life.

Context - Under severe pressure (persecution) some of the members of this fellowship were turning away from their Christian faith and profession. Of much more concern to the writer (initially so) was not those who were turning away, but those who were drifting away. This drift, more often than not, happens imperceptibly.

Note - The word "drift" is a nautical word - the picture is of a ship drifting away on the tide.

Key Question - How does this happen? See - v3a. "Neglect" is a better word to "ignore". Neglecting the means of grace.

Another word for "drift" (as in the AV) is - "slip". Key Application - Are we in danger of, spiritually, letting things slip?

#### **2. THERE IS A QUESTION THAT NEEDS TO BE ASKED**

See - v2 - 4. The writer here is using a Hebrew style of logic which was called 'light and heavy' which says that if something is true when a lesser reason is given for it, then it must be true when a greater reason is given for it. Applied here - if God's judgement came upon those who drifted away from the word of God's salvation spoken by

the angels, then how can we expect not to come under that same judgement when we have drifted away from the word of God's salvation spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself?

Key Question - Was our experience of God's salvation for real? If it was - how could we possibly drift away from it?

### **3. THERE IS A REMEDY THAT NEEDS TO BE PRACTICED**

See - v1. Key Question - What do we need to pay the greatest attention to? The "therefore" points us back to what we've read and seen in chapter 1, namely - the glorious gospel of who Jesus is and of what Jesus has done. See - 1 v3.

Note - "pay more careful attention" is a nautical phrase which speaks of a ship being moored to a bollard. These great truths concerning the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ are what we need to be moored to. If we are - we will not drift away!