



**TITLE:**  
Give the More Earnest Heed

**TEXT:**

*Hebrews 2:1-3*

*Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. [2] For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; [3] How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him ;*

**Heb. 1:14**

- Angels are all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for the believers. We see this in the book of Acts:
  - *Acts 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,*
  - *Acts 12:11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.*
  - *Acts 12:23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.*

**REVIEW**

- Jesus Christ is better than the prophets because:
  - He was appointed (to set or to place) to be heir of all things.
  - By Him, God had made the worlds.
  - He is the brightness of God's glory.
  - He is the express image (graver; exact copy) of God's person.
  - He upholds all things by the word of his power.
  - He by Himself, purged our sins.
  - He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- Jesus Christ is so much better than the angels because:
  - He obtained a more excellent name than the angels.
  - His superiority over the angles is declared in the Scriptures.

**v.1**

- "Therefore" - In connection to what was said in chapter 1 - the superiority of Jesus Christ over the angels.
  - The conclusion of knowing the superiority of Jesus Christ over the angels.
- "we ought to give the more earnest heed" - we need to more superabundantly pay attention
- "to the things which we have heard" - this refers to the great salvation in v.3
- "lest at any time we should let them slip" - run out as leaking vessels.
  
- As we see that Jesus Christ is superior over the angels, we need to strictly pay attention to the words spoken by Him and His apostles. We should not let these words drift away without paying attention.
- The reason is mentioned in v.2-3

## v.2

- “the word spoken by angels” - the law was received by the disposition (to arrange thoroughly) of the angels.
  - Acts 7:53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.
  - Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
- “was stedfast” - firm and established
- “every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward”
  - transgression - it means “going over” or violation of the law
  - disobedience - it means lack of attention
  - a just recompence of reward” - a just or right penalty or punishment
  - We see this in:
    - Exodus 32:25-27 - 3,000 idolaters were slain
    - Leviticus 10:1-2 - Nadab and Abidu died because they offered strange fire before the LORD.
    - Numbers 15:32-36 - The sabbath-offender was stoned to death.
    - *Jude 1:5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.*
- The Law of God is firm and established. Every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty.

## v.3

- “How shall we escape” - Neglecting the words you hear about the great salvation will have sure consequence
- “neglect” - opposite of paying attention
- “so great salvation” - salvation that is being offered by God is not a small thing. It is so great.
- “at the first began to be spoken by the Lord”
  - *Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
  - *John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
  - *Mark 9:43-48 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: [44] Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. [45] And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: [46] Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. [47] And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: [48] Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*
- “was confirmed unto us by them that heard him” - the great salvation was confirmed by the early disciples
- We should not neglect the great salvation that God offers because it has a sure consequence.

## CONCLUSION

- Knowing the superiority of Jesus Christ over the angels, we should give strict attention to what we hear. If the people who transgress and didn't pay attention to the words spoken by the angels received just punishments, we shall surely have the same if we neglect the great salvation spoken by Jesus Christ and His disciples.