

With all that was said previously...

<sup>1</sup> **So, we ought to pay attention all the more to what we have heard** / we ought to pay attention to the Lord Jesus... **the better way**, the far superior way... who has spoken in these last days. And we must pay closer and more careful attention, Why?

**lest at any time we should let *them* slip** / and note in the KJV: *them*... is in italics... which means, translators added the word. But that's not what it says. It says...

**lest at any time we should slip** / we should drift away.



<sup>2</sup> **For if the message spoken by angels was resolute, and every stepping over the line and disobedience received a just punishment** / if what the angels spoke was fixed and stood firm -- and it did; and every violation and infraction of it; every defiance and disobedience to it met with a just punishment -- and it did! And no violator escaped; Moses, the law-giver and Aaron, the high-priest did not even escape. So the writer to the book of Hebrews asks...

<sup>3</sup> **How will we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?** / Jesus said, Sodom and Gomorrah, Tyre and Sidon, Nineveh, even the queen of the South from Arabia, to a male dominated world, all of them will rise up in the judgment. For if they had seen and heard what HE taught... they would have slapped each other awake! His word would sink into their ears! They would have changed their thinking! How will we escape if we neglect so great salvation? / How will we escape if we drift away from this great harbor; this place of refuge God has provided?

F B Meyer says, Salvation is a great word. It is one of the key words of this epistle. We read: heir of salvation ... so great salvation ... captain of salvation ... eternal salvation ... things that accompany salvation ... salvation to the uttermost ...and His appearance a second time without sin, unto salvation. Meyer says, We see the word salvation includes the entire process... from its beginning to its end.

And we may compare salvation to a great harbor which we are in danger of drifting past through culpable neglect. Dr. Meyer says, We should consider God's harbor of refuge... His great salvation... sufficient to embrace a ruined world: great in its reach; great in its foundations; great in its cost.

It seems an easy thing to be saved: He says Look unto Me, and be saved. **But we do not always remember how much happened before it became so easy**: the agony and bloody sweat; the cross and passion; the precious death and burial.

For another time, we ask...

**How will we escape? which at the first was spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them who heard** / It was a great salvation. It is a great salvation;

**<sup>4</sup> God also bearing witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will.**

How will we escape... if we neglect His salvation? if we drift away?

To neglect is to reject. And if we neglect, we will not escape. We will not escape the storms of sorrow. We will not escape the deserved and necessary punishment. If we neglect... if we drift away... we will not escape the fire which is never quenched. Out there, beyond the harbor, shelterless amid the rage of the sea; if we drift away, we will be destroyed and go down with all hands onboard... never sighted by the heavenly watchers... never welcomed into eternal rest and peace.

As a child in elementary school, for whatever reason, I understood: for some, this is the closest to heaven they will ever get; and for some, this is the closest to hell. And why do only a few find the Way? Well, apparently only a few really seek the Way, or are interested... and even care to look for the Way.

**How will we escape if we neglect so great salvation?**

The sailor who refuses the lifeboat... and the harbor... does not escape. **Don't drift away!** Give heed; pay attention to the things we have heard. Because GOD... in these last days spoke to us... in His Son. Listen to Him; and follow closely. We will be safe!

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