

Are You Drifting?

Hebrews 2:1-4

Introduction:

- A. Hebrews was written because Christians were on the verge of going back to their old ways of Jewish faith and abandoning their relationship with Jesus.
- B. A theme throughout the book is that of holding on (Heb. 2:1-4; 3:12; 4:11; 10:35-39). Throughout scripture we read about the possibility of falling away (I Cor. 9:24-27; Gal. 5:4; I Tim. 1:19-20; 4:1-2; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).

The Warning Against Drifting Away and Neglecting Salvation

- A. We must pay attention to Jesus and His word lest we drift away (Heb. 2:1; 3:1; 12:1-2).
- B. Notice the problem is not rejecting salvation; the problem is neglecting salvation (Heb. 2:3).
- C. There is a great danger in drifting away from the Lord (Heb. 12:25).

How to Know if we are Drifting Away from the Lord

- A. We Neglect God's Word.
 - 1. Many people fail to continue in their spiritual growth (Heb. 5:11-6:1). How important is God's Word?
 - 2. We should have the same attitude as that of the Psalmist (Psa. 119:9-11, 18, 47-48).
 - 3. Tips for better Bible Study: translation, time, place, write down questions and things that stick out, etc.
- B. We Neglect God's People.
 - 1. The writer of Hebrews encouraged his readers not to neglect meeting together (Heb. 10:24-25).
 - 2. David said, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psa. 122:1).
 - 3. Our time with God's people needs to extend beyond the worship times (Heb. 3:12-13; Acts 2:46).
- C. We Neglect Godly Priorities.
 - 1. Many people are preoccupied with things that are unimportant in light of eternity (2 Cor. 4:17-18).
 - 2. We must always put God first (Matt. 6:33; 10:37; 22:37-38). Too many parents are missing opportunities with their children because of mixed up priorities.
 - 3. Our ambition is heaven (Phil. 3:12-14, 20-21; I Pet. 1:3-5). Our priorities should always reflect that aim.

Conclusion:

- A. If we want to neglect drifting away, our lives must be anchored in Jesus and His promises (Heb. 6:18-19).
- B. We are either drifting because of neglect or we are growing because of our effort and attention.