

NEGLECT BRINGS DISASTER

Hebrews 2:1-4

(Brief outline - add own comments)

Introduction: Discuss events in which one's neglect to do or not do something brought disaster, even death.

Verse by verse study:

- v1:** Discuss "*therefore*" - referring to preceding verses - the superiority of Jesus Christ - Prophet, Priest, King, sacrifice, NAME, over angels.
- Discuss "*which have heard*" - What was heard? The Gospel message, the way, truth and life, that the Messiah has come.
 - Discuss "*let them slip*" - a picture of a flowing river - things heard of salvation going by, going away.
- v2:** Discuss "*spoken by angels*" - the message of angels, the laws and messages from God to man.
- *Acts 7:38, 53; Galatians 3:19; Deuteronomy 33:3*
 - Discuss "*transgression*" - an act of evil, disobedience, to neglect to obey.
 - Discuss punishment in the Old Testament: sacrifices were necessary - Adam and Eve, Sodom and Gomorrah, Moses, his rod, the Israel, the 40 years in the wilderness, the moral laws, social laws, spiritual laws, Israel and the captivities.
 - Discuss the different punishment mentioned here in this text - it is an eternal punishment.
- v3:** Discuss "judgment before God": Everyone will stand before God in judgment. Who shall escape? There is heaven and there is hell, who will go where.
- Discuss "neglect" - to give too little care or attention to - to leave undone, to omit.
 - Neglect of: families brings divorce, difficult children, often in trouble.
 - business - brings bankruptcy, failure.
 - health - brings sickness.
 - God - brings hell for the unbeliever and a miserable life for the Christian.
 - Discuss how "neglect" always brings disaster of some sort.
 - Discuss how salvation is brought by Jesus Christ, Himself and the apostles, the early church were witnesses through the centuries by using the Word of God, the power of the Holy Spirit.
- v4:** Discuss proofs with Jesus Christ - the apostles, the early church, the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts of today.
- Signs being proof of a divine mission.
 - Wonders being miracles causing amazement and astonishment.
 - Powers being miracles displaying superhuman happenings and power.

CONCLUSION:

1. The message of Jesus Christ is the greatest message from God.
2. All transgressions (evil acts) and disobedience (neglect to obey) will be justly punished.
3. All will stand before God in judgment and escape from hell comes only through salvation that Jesus offers.
4. All who neglect, refuse Jesus will not escape damnation which brings disaster.
5. Every means has been used by God to bring people to salvation.
6. Give heed to what you've heard - let it not slip away, neglect not the message of Jesus Christ for to do so brings eternal disaster spent in the fires of hell.