

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Hebrews 2:1-4**.  
For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.
- B. "How shall we escape if we neglect this great salvation?" What makes it "a great salvation"?
- C. Why should we "pay much closer attention to what we have heard?"
- D. Hebrews 1:1-2:4 has the answers.

## I. A CLEAR VOICE HAS SPOKEN.

- A. In the old dispensation God's word came through different men, at different times, and in different ways. God was the author of this piece-meal approach to revealing His will.
- B. But the Hebrew writer says that it is in X that God has spoken in these last days. The Xian dispensation has but one author and communicator of truth--X (Jude 3; Gal. 1:8).  
(Jude v3) Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.  
(Gal 1:8) But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.
- C. All others are false prophets. If there is more than X, then God is reverting to His former ways. The message of the new covenant has been brought to mankind by X.

## II. WHY WE SHOULD LISTEN TO JESUS.

- A. He has been appointed heir of all things (Heb. 1:2).  
...whom He appointed heir of all things,  
As riches are passed by inheritance so does God in giving all things to X after X's death (Mt. 28:18).  
And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- B. Through X, God made the universe (Heb. 1:2).  
...through whom also He made the world.  
Jesus shows His superiority by having a part of the creation (Col. 1:16; Jn. 1:3).  
(Col 1:16) For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.  
(Jn 1:3) All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- C. Jesus is the radiance of God's glory (Heb. 1:3).  
And He is the radiance of His glory  
To see Jesus is to see God (who else makes this claim?). See Jn. 1:14; 17:4.  
(Jn 1:14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
(Jn 17:4) "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do."
- D. Jesus is the exact representation of God's nature (Heb. 1:3).  
...and the exact representation of His nature,  
Like a rubber stamp, we see the imprint not the original but have faith in the original because the imprint is exactly similar (Col. 1:15).  
And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.
- E. Jesus upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3).  
...and upholds all things by the word of His power.  
The universe does not go into chaos and collapse because the word of X's power holds everything in place and in motion. That's power (Col. 1:16-17).

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

- F. Jesus made purification for sins (Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:14).

(Heb 1:3) When He had made purification of sins,  
(Col 1:14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- G. Jesus sits on His throne at the right hand of God (Heb. 1:3).

He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Jesus rules the kingdom (Ac. 2:34-36; 1Cor. 15:27-28).

(Ac 2:34-36) "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET.'" "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified."

(1Cor 15:27-28) For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all.

### III. ARGUMENTS FROM SCRIPTURE.

- A. Jesus is God's unique and only Son (Heb. 1:5,6; Jn. 3:16).

For to which of the angels did He ever say, "THOU ART MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE"? And again, "I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"? And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

- B. The angels acknowledge Jesus as God's Son (Heb. 1:7).

And of the angels He says, "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

- C. Jesus is superior to the angels because:

1. Jesus sits on the throne, not angels (Heb. 1:8).

But of the Son He says, "THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM."

2. Jesus is the anointed of God (Heb. 1:9).

"THOU HAST LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, THY GOD, HATH ANOINTED THEE WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE THY COMPANIONS."

3. Jesus helped co-create the heavens and the earth (Heb. 1:10).

And, "THOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING DIDST LAY THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF THY HANDS;

4. Jesus is eternal, as compared to the creation (Heb. 1:11).

THEY WILL PERISH, BUT THOU REMAINEST; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD AS A GARMENT,

5. Jesus never changes (Heb. 1:12).

AND AS A MANTLE THOU WILT ROLL THEM UP; AS A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT THOU ART THE SAME, AND THY YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END."

- D. Jesus reigns as king on His throne, the angels are ministering spirits (Heb. 1:13-14).

But to which of the angels has He ever said, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET"? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

### IV. THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER.

- A. We must pay close attention because look who is the speaker! (see Heb. 2:1).

- B. If the word of angels was important enough for disobedience to receive a just recompense, think of the punishment for neglecting the words of X; that is His salvation through the gospel (Heb. 2:2-3).

For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,...

- C. The words of God through X were double confirmed by the signs, wonders, and various miracles and gifts of the HS (Heb. 2:4).  
[God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.](#)
- D. "We shall not escape," is the answer to the question. The message is of God through X, and X alone-- we should pay closer attention!

#### **CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.**

- A. Jesus is the only mediator between God and man (see 1Tim. 2:5).
- B. Jesus is the king of all in heaven and on earth.
- C. Jesus is the wonderful fulfillment of Scripture and greater than the angels.
- D. Those who neglect such a salvation (by disobedience) will not escape (receive a just recompense) because God has double confirmed Jesus as His Son.
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.