

Hebrews 2:1-9

“Tie Up Your Boat” (Drift Away)

Recap: Last Days — All things spoken after the incarnation are through Christ

2 Better-thans now a warning followed by a motivation to heed the warning

Warning: Pay close attention to Christ so you won’t drift and do not neglect such a great salvation.

- Both “pay much closer attention” and “Drift away” are nautical terms
- One gives the picture to tie your boat up and the other is the result of failure to do so
- Such a great salvation — past, present, and according to this text future
- Luke 14:15-20
- The warning is simple... The writer wanted Christ to be seen and exalted, but accepted and trusted.
- Hell is full of people who were never actively opposed to Jesus, but who simply neglected Him and His gospel.

4 motivations to embrace Christ if you have not and to cling to Christ if you have:

1. The Character of the Son (1)

- “Therefore”
- He is the eternal Son, worshipped by the angels, Sovereignly ruling the universe
- He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature
- Colossians 1:15— “He is the image of the invisible God”
 - Icon — phone app
 - Nature, love, kindness, righteousness, holiness, etc— Jesus

2. The Certainty of Judgment (2-3a)

- message of the angels proved to be reliable
- Transgression — step across the line— sin of commission — doing what God forbids
- Disobedience — deliberate shut ear— neglect— sin of omission— not doing what God commands
 - Both are willful and serious
 - One is active and one is passive
 - Both are judged justly
 - The more you know and neglect, the greater the condemnation
 - Mark 12:40— “they will receive a greater condemnation”
- how shall we escape if we neglect?
 - You don’t

3. The Confirmation of God (3b-4)

- Trinitarian confirmation
- Declared by the Son
- Attested by those who saw Him
- Confirmed by the Father
- Proved by the Holy Spirit
 - The point of the gifts was Jesus not the gift themselves

4. The Conquest of the Christ (5-9)

- Psalm 8
 - God's intent for Adam (5-8)
 - The Failure of the First Adam (8b)
 - The Recovery of the 2nd Adam (9)
- **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

Small Group Discussion

1. How did God speak to you through the Scripture and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?

2. Hebrews 2:1 warns us to “pay much closer attention” so that we do not “drift away.” What are some ways a Christian can slowly drift from Christ without intentionally deciding to reject Him? What helps us “tie up our boat” and remain anchored to Christ?

3. The writer gives the character of Christ (v. 1) and the certainty of judgment (vv. 2–3) as motivations to take the gospel seriously. How should knowing who Jesus is—and knowing that God will judge sin—affect the way we respond to the gospel?

4. Hebrews 2:3–4 emphasizes that God Himself has confirmed the message of salvation through the Son, those who heard Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Why is it dangerous to neglect something that God has so clearly confirmed? How does this strengthen your confidence in the gospel?

5. Hebrews 2:5–9 connects Jesus to Psalm 8 and shows Him as the “second Adam” who accomplishes what the first Adam failed to accomplish. What does Jesus’ victory mean for our hope as Christians, and how should that hope motivate us to cling to Christ rather than drift away?